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Proclamation

CHE' PUAN KEDAH IS PROCLAIMED SULTANAH OF KEDAH

ALOR STAR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Che' Puan Kedah Haminah Hamidun was today proclaimed as the Sultanah of Kedah in a ceremony at the Throne Room of Istana Anak Bukit here.

The Sultan of Kedah, Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, performed the proclamation witnessed by his daughters, Tunku Soraya, 43, and Tunku Puteri Intan Syafinaz, 37.

Present were members of the royal family, state dignitaries and guests including former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, and Culture Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

The proclamation was performed following the death of Sultanah Bahiyah Tuanku Abdul Rahman at Istana Kuala Chegar on Aug 27 last year.

Following the proclamation, Tuanku Sultanah Haminah, 50, was conferred the Darjah Kebesaran Kedah (DK).

Sultanah Haminah was accorded a 21-gun salute during the proclamation ceremony when she was crowned by Sultan Abdul Halim.

The Kedah government has declared tomorrow a public holiday in the state in conjunction with the proclamation.

Sultanah Haminah was born on July 15 1953 in Bagan Serai. She married Sultan Abdul Halim on Dec 25 1975.

Sultanah Haminah has a keen interest in music and sports especially squash, golf, tennis and badminton.

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