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West Sumatra Governor heads Negri list

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SEREMBAN, Fri. - West Sumatra Governor H. Sutan Zainal Bakar heads a list of 884 people who will be conferred awards in conjunction with the 81st birthday of the Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negri Sembilan Tuanku Ja'afar tomorrow.

Sutan Zainal Bakar and former Felda chairman Tan Sri Muhammad Alias Raja Mohd Ali will be awarded the State's highest award, the Darjah Seri Utama Negri Sembilan (SPNS), which carries the title "Datuk Seri Utama".

Army chief Datuk Wira Mohd Shahrom Nordin and Syarikat Pesaka Antah Sdn Bhd director Tunku Datin Seri Mimi Wahida Tunku Wahman are recipients of the Darjah Seri Paduka Tuanku Ja'afar Yang Amat Terpuji (SPTJ) which carries the title "Datuk Seri".

Twenty-seven others will be bestowed the Darjah Dato Setia Negri Sembilan (DSNS) which carries the title "Datuk".

Among them are Urban and Rural Development director-general Abdul Mutallib Jelani, Anti-Corruption Agency intelligence director Abdul Malek Sheikh Abdullah, TM Net Sdn Bhd chief executive Baharum Salleh, Syarikat Osmania Logistic Sdn Bhd chief executive Datuk Hamidi Osman Talib, Rasah Umno division chief Datuk Mohamad Hasan, who is also Cycle and Carriage Bintang Bhd managing director, Malaysian International Merchant Bankers Bhd chief executive Dr Sheikh Awab Sheikh Abod, House Coff Sdn Bhd chairman Mohd Khalid Harun, Tenaga Nasional Bhd vice-president (delivery) Mohd Zainal Azirun.

The others are chief executive of Bioven Holdings Sdn Bhd Mukhriz Mahathir, senior Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia researcher (environment and development) Professor Hood Mohd Salleh, UKM Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Md Ikram Mohd Said, Cipta Holdings Sdn Bhd chief executive Suhaidi Sulaiman, Welfare Services Department director-general Shagul Hamid Abdullah, State Social, Women Affairs and Family Development Committee chairman Norhayati Omar, State Education, Information, Youth and Sports Committee chairman Zakaria Nordin, Bahau Assemblyman See Ah Kow, State Consumer Affairs Committee chairman T. Rajagopalu, MCL Corporation managing director Tang Yeam Soon and Istana Seri Menanti chief of ceremony Tunku Azman Tunku Borhan.

Thirty-one people will be bestowed the Darjah Dato Paduka Tuanku Ja'afar which also carries the title "Datuk".

Among them are political secretary to the First Finance Minister Abdul Mutalib Alias, Sistem Televisyen Malaysia Bhd chief executive Ahmad Farid Ridzuan, Taman Ekar Sdn Bhd managing director Cheok Kian Yek, State Department of Irrigation and Drainage director R. Batumalai, senior Danaharta Nasional Bhd general manager Johan Ariffin, veteran artiste and film director Mustapha Azahari Maarof, HUKM Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) specialist Professor Balwant Singh Gendeh, Rantau Panjang Umno Youth chief Shari Mat Hussain, Radio Televisyen Malaysia deputy director-general (broadcasting) Abdul Rahman Hamid, private secretary to the Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negri Sembilan Abdullah Abas and Penang legal adviser Hinshawati Shariff.

The Darjah Setia Negeri Sembilan (DNS) will be conferred on 27 people. Among them are Sekolah Tengku Ampuan Durah principal Datin Kamsiah Saabin, State Forestry director Mahdan Bongkik and Tampin OCPD Ab Wahab Azizul Hassan.

Seremban police chief Assistant Commissioner Abd Khalid Abu Hassan,

Jempol district officer Abdul Hafidz Yusof, State Prisons director Mustafha Itam, State deputy Education director Othman Ismail and State Royal Customs director Ismail Ibrahim are among 22 recipients of the Pingat Pekerti Terpilih (PPT).

Seremban Umno Youth chief Mohd Nor Awang, Lobak Assemblyman Khoo Seng Hock and Rantau Assemblyman Abd Ghani Hassan are among 22 who will be awarded the Jaksa Pendamai (JP).

The Ahli Setia Negri Sembilan (ANS) will be awarded to 122 people. Among them are State Criminal Investigation Department chief Assistant Commissioner Mohmad Salleh, Puteri Umno information chief Bibi Sharliza Mohd Khalid, Tampin Umno Youth chief Jamlus Aziz, former State Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs director Nasrudin Ismail, Jempol OCPD Superintendent Mohd Faisal Shahrawi and State Legislative Assembly and Protocol chief Yaakop Rantau.

Radio Televisyen Malaysia (Radio Tiga) deejay Adam Tahir is among 247 who will receive the Pingat Khidmat Cemerlang (PMC) while 360 will be awarded the Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (PJK).

Twenty-two others will receive the Pingat Khidmat Lama (PKL).