

Malacca Sultanate began in 1278, claims researchers

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The Malacca Malay Sultanate began in 1278 and not in the 1400s, as discovered by a research team appointed by the Melaka government.

Chief Minister Mohd Ali Rustam said the year 1278 was chosen based on the Raja Bongsu version of the Malay Annals or the "Sulalatus al-Salatin".

Following the discovery, the research committee, chaired by Melaka Islamic University College vice-chancellor Prof Mohd Yusoff Hashim, agreed that Melaka began as a political entity, known as the Melaka Malay Sultanate, in 1278," he added.

He said the findings of the research was tabled to the Yang Dipertua Negeri of Malacca Mohd Khalil Yaakob at his office in Ayer Keroh here yesterday.

The research, headed by Prof Abdullah Zakaria Ghazali from the Department of History, Universiti Malaya, started in June last year.

Mohd Ali said a seminar would be held this year to further discuss the matter.

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