

Tengku Faris proclaimed new Sultan of Kelantan
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KOTA BARU – The Regent of Kelantan, Tengku Muhammad Faris Petra, has been proclaimed the 29th Sultan of Kelantan, effective on Monday.

The proclamation was announced by Menteri Besar Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat at the Balairong Seri, Balai Besar Palace, here, at 12.30pm.

"It is hereby proclaimed, in accordance with Article 29A of the Kelantan State Constitution, that the Regent of Kelantan shall now ascend the throne to succeed his father," Nik Aziz said.

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Nik Aziz said the decision was made by the state royal succession council members at 9am.

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As early as 8am, state officials, state royal succession council members, state assemblymen and Members of Parliament and government officials gathered at Kota Darul Naim complex to attend a 11am briefing.

By 11.30am all headed for Istana Balai Besar to attend the official proclamation of Muhammad Faris Petra as the new Sultan.

Tuanku Muhammad Faris Petra was born on Oct 6, 1969 and made the Kelantan Crown Prince in October 1985.

He has three siblings namely Tengku Bendahara Tengku Muhammad Faiz Petra, Tengku Temenggong Tengku Muhammad Fakhry Petra and Tengku Amalin A'Ishah Putri.

On May 24 last year, the eldest prince of Sultan Ismail Petra was appointed the Regent of Kelantan.

Sultan Ismail Petra is recovering from a stroke he suffered in May last year, according to *Bernama*

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