

Ku Li's DK title withdrawn by Kelantan ruler  
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KOTA BARU - The Sultan of Kelantan, Sultan Muhammad V, has withdrawn the Darjah Kerabat yang Amat Dihormati (DK) (Al-Yunusi) title and Ahli Yang Pertama (Seri Paduka) Bagi Darjah Kebesaran Mahkota Kelantan Yang Amat Mulia (SPMK) Al-Muhammadi I) award which had been bestowed on Gua Musang Member of Parliament, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

Announcing this on Sunday night at a press conference at Istana Balai Besar, State Secretary Mohd Aiseri Alias said the withdrawal of the title and award were effective Dec 2.

Tengku Razaleigh, 73, is the maternal grand uncle of Sultan Muhammad V. Mohd Aiseri also announced the withdrawal of the Ahli Yang Kedua (Dato' Paduka) bagi darjah Kebesaran Jiwa Mahkota Yang Amat Mulia (DJMK) (Al-Ismaili I) conferred on Dr Yaacob Hussain Merican, 72, as well as his appointment as a Justice of Peace (JP), also effective Dec 2.

According to him, Tengku Razaleigh and Yaacob had been informed of the withdrawal of the title and awards via a letter sent to each on Dec. 3.

He said the withdrawals were the prerogative of the Sultan.

It is understood that Tengku Razaleigh had made a statement which was reported by a Chinese daily on Sept 14 which had hurt the feelings of the Kelantan Sultan as the statement was felt to have doubted His Highness's appointment as the Regent then.

Yaacob, meanwhile, had represented the plaintiff in the suit in the Kuala Lumpur High Court on Oct 25, over His Highness's appointment as the Sultan of Kelantan. - Bernama

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