

Sultan Mizan is the next King

KUALA LUMPUR: The Sultan of Terengganu has been elected the next di-Pertuan Agong for a five-year term effective Dec 13.

Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shall will succeed Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin the Raja of Perlis.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said in a statement that Sultan Milan's appointment as the country's 13th King, was announced by the Council of Rulers at its special meeting at Istana Negara yesterday.

The 208th meeting also agreed to proclaim the Sultan of

Kedah, Tuanku Alhaj Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah ibni Al-Marhum Sudan Badlishah as the Deputy King, also for a five-year term, from Dec 13.

Abdullah said the meeting of the Council of Rulers, chaired by the Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negri Sembilan, was attended by all the Rulers, except for the Sultan of

Pahang and the Sultan of Johor.

Sultan Mizan, is currently the deputy King, having been appointed to the position on April 26, 1999 and again on Dec 12, 2001.

The Sultan of Kedah had served as the fifth Yang di-Pertuan Agong from Jan 12, 1970 until Sept 20, 1975.