

Work together for nation, says King

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KUALA LUMPUR: Yang di-Per-tuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail has called on Cabinet ministers to cooperate among themselves, stressing its importance to the country's administrative system built on power-sharing.

He said that as leaders the ministers must unite and share the same direction while discharging their duties and to cast aside personal interests.

"Let me remind the ministers that the underlying factor behind peace, progress and prosperity in the country is the people's unity," he said at a luncheon hosted by Cabinet ministers here yesterday.

"As leaders chosen by the people, cooperation among

Cabinet ministers is in the public eye and has a far-reaching effect on the people."

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin's tenure as the 12th Yang di-Per-tuan Agong ends next Tuesday, and Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin of Terengganu will succeed him.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin hoped Cabinet ministers under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi would continue to carry out their work with confidence and precision to implement the National Mission and the Ninth Malaysia Plan.

"Cabinet ministers must realise that the Government's success depends on the efficiency and effectiveness of the administration as spelt out for

each ministry," he said.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin said that although the country had achieved commendable development there was still ample room for improvement.

There were still a lot of challenges and obstacles to overcome to achieve developed country status, he said, adding that Cabinet ministers must ensure that the country was insulated from outside shocks such as rising petrol prices, an imbalanced world economy, epidemics and natural disasters.

He wanted Cabinet ministers to work harder to strive for balanced development and to continue to strengthen the economy to cushion the shocks.

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