

**Programmes For Kedah Sultan's Birthday
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ALOR SETAR, Jan 11 (Bernama) -- There will be 21 events held to celebrate the 84th birthday of the Sultan of Kedah starting this Sunday.

The celebration will begin this Saturday with prayers and thanksgiving dinner at Masjid Zahir in Alor Setar at 7.22pm which will be attended by the four members of the Kedah Regency Council headed by its chairman, Datuk Seri Tunku Annuar Sultan Badlishah and its three other members comprising Tan Sri Tunku Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah, Datuk Seri Tunku Abdul Hamid Thani Sultan Badlishah and Datuk Seri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Sultan Abdul Halim.

Also attending the ceremony will be the Raja Muda of Kedah Tunku Abdul Malik and Raja Puan Muda as well as the Menteri Besar of Kedah Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak.

Principal Assistant State Secretary Mohamad Rizal Mohamad Razi said on the following day, there will be a ceremonial parade at Dataran Balai Besar in Alor Setar at 7.30am which would also be attended by members of the public.

He said Tunku Annuar will receive the salute by the Royal Malay Regiment accompanied by a 21-gun salute.

Later Tunku Annuar will represent the Sultan of Kedah, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah to confer awards at Istana Anak Bukit, near here at 9am.

The investiture will also be held on Jan 19 and 31, Feb 7,9,14,16 and 28 and March 6 and 8 which would also be attended by Tunku Annuar.

In the afternoon, Tunku Annuar with the three members of the Council of Regency will attend a tea party in the compound of Istana Anak Bukit at 4pm.

Meanwhile the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim and Tuanku Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Haminah Hamidun will attend a state banquet on Monday (Jan 16) at 8pm.

The dinner at Istana Anak Bukit, near here will be attended by the four members of the Council of Regency and the Menteri Besar of Kedah.

In other ceremonies drawn up for the occasion, Tunku Annuar will attend mosques opening, dinner with the people, Justice of the Peace Association dinner, River Sports, Council of Datuk dinner and a golf competition which would be scheduled later in conjunction with the Sultan's birthday.

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