

**New King To Be Installed On April 11, Government Declares Public Holiday  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 24 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Kedah, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, is to be installed as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong on April 11, and the date, a Wednesday, will be a national public holiday.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan said two main events would be held on that date -- the installation ceremony in the morning and the royal banquet at night, both at the Istana Negara.

He said the declaration of the public holiday is made under Section 8 of the Holidays Act 1951 for peninsular Malaysia and the Federal Territory of Labuan.

"Sabah and Sarawak will do the necessary in accordance with their respective state laws," he said in a statement.

Tuanku Abdul Halim, 84, was appointed the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong on Dec 13 last year to succeed Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin of Terengganu whose five-year term as the 13th Yang di-Pertuan Agong ended a day earlier.

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