

An eye on religion and Malay customs
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YANG di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah has always given due recognition to his role as Head of Islamic Affairs and Malay customs in the country.

He has on many occasions advised Muslims to practise and honour the Islamic way of life.

He never fails to spread the good word to Muslims and sets an example when he performs Friday prayers with the congregation at the various mosques in Kedah.

Topics close to the Ruler's heart include that on religion and Malay customs.

As a kind Ruler, Tuanku Abdul Halim is also concerned about the welfare of the state civil servants.

Whenever he meets them, he never fails to ask them about their well-being.

As the Sultan of Kedah, Tuanku Abdul Halim attends to all state administrative matters and is in his office at Wisma Darulaman on most days.

It has been customary that before the weekly state executive council meeting, the Mentri Besar would brief Tuanku Abdul Halim on the administration.

Kedah Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak said briefings were conducted at Tuanku Abdul Halim's office at Wisma Darulaman.

"When the state was hit by severe floods in 2010, Tuanku Abdul Halim was concerned for his subjects and visited the flood victims at relief centres with Sultanah Tuanku Haminah Hamidun.

"He kept himself updated on the latest news and also gave advise," he added.

Tuanku Abdul Halim also attends many charitable events to raise funds for the underprivileged.

During the annual Caring Day organised by the Sultanah Bahiyah Foundation, Tuanku Abdul Halim even donated some of his personnel items for auction to raise money to help those in need.

The King has also often expressed his concern about the state of the public delivery system in Kedah.

On one occasion, he called on government departments to review their work procedures in order to improve their delivery system.

He also wants civil servants to be knowledgeable about their sphere of duties to ensure better service to the people.

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