

**Installation Ceremony Of 14th Yang Di-pertuan Agong Begins
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 11 (Bernama) -- The installation of Sultan Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah of Kedah as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong began this morning with His Majesty inspecting a Guard-of-Honour at the main entrance of the Istana Negara here.

The Guard-of-Honour was mounted by 107 members of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment and comprised three officers and 104 men of other ranks.

Tuanku Abdul Halim and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah were welcomed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor at the palace after which the national anthem "Negaraku" was played.

As the "Negaraku" was played, His Majesty's personal flag was hoisted.

Following this, His Majesty adjourned to the Bilik Seri Maharaja before being brought to Balairong Seri (the Throne Room) for the installation ceremony which is being held for the first time at the majestic new Istana Negara in Jalan Duta here, which aptly symbolises the constitutional monarchy of Malaysia.

The installation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong this time is also a historic occasion as it has never happened in the country's history that a Sultan or a King was reappointed as the Head of State ever since the rotation system among the nine Sultans or Kings began when Malaysia achieved its independence in 1957.

Tuanku Abdul Halim was installed as the Fifth Yang di-Pertuan Agong in 1970 at the age of 42, and now, four decades later, he is being installed again at the age of 84, as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

A documentary on the installation ceremony this time will be centred on the historic occasion of Tuanku Abdul Halim being installed as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong for the second time.

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