

**Survival Of Rulers Institution Will Depend On Peoples Support For Constitutional Monarchy - Rais**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 11 (Bernama) -- Information Communication and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim said the survival of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and rulers will depend on the support for the constitutional monarchy.

Rais who is also a legal practitioner said though the King would not be involved in politics, at a point of time he would have to assume the role of the leader to ensure the survival of the monarchy.

"For a Sultan who need to think of how to enhance his peoples' economy, there is no need to afraid of any political inclination.

"For example the country's Constitution under article 153, says that the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is responsible for safeguarding the special position of the Malays, natives of Sabah and Sarawak and the legitimate interest of other communities.

"The King must therefore hold on to the provisions of the constitution like a golden rule," he said when interviewed in the Hello Malaysia programme aired live by BERNAMA TV here Tuesday night.

Rais said that as a head of a nation or state, he should play a role in ensuring the survival of the race and country, which could become political issues in practice.

Commenting on Sultan of Kedah Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah's installation as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at Istana Negara, Jalan Duta tomorrow, he said the event would ensure Malaysia's practice of the Constitutional Monarchy and Parliamentary Democracy is strengthened, in line with the practice of social justice.

He further remarked that the social justice propounded by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak in his administration would be complemented perfectly by Tuanku Abdul Halim.

To ensure such an environment is maintained, he said the royalty should also be able to accept changes to its structure, in order to be well accepted by the community.

"If this can be maintained, then the people would respect the monarchy, not just for tradition sake, but because it is something to be proud of and to sustain the nation's sovereignty," he said.

Tuanku Abdul Halim has created history by his installation as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong for the second time.

He was first proclaimed as the 5th Yang di-Pertuan Agong in 1970 at the age of 42 and was elected as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong in 2012 at the age of 84.

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