

Bad Manners Reflect Opposition Attitude Towards Monarchy, Says Rais
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KANGAR, 14 April (Bernama) -- The lack of decorum shown by several opposition leaders during the installation of the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong reflected their attitude towards the monarchy, said Information Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim.

Describing the bad manners shown by the opposition leaders during the ceremony as disappointing, Rais said it was tantamount to mocking and ridiculing the Malay rulers.

"They had yet to seize power, but they have already shown their might," said Rais when opening the state-level 1Malaysia Community's Communalising of the Arts and Culture Programme for the Siamese community here.

The incident was observed and recorded by a doctor who was on duty during the installation of Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Aging at Istana Negara on Wednesday.

Describing the attitude of the opposition leaders as a severe violation of a royal ceremony after having been given the honour to attend it, he said, "They are not fit to run the country."

Urging the people to observe a virtuous cultural practice and not to be disrespectful of the monarchy like the opposition leaders, he called on the Information Department, the Special Affairs Department and non-governmental organisations to enhance public knowledge on the constitution.

Rais and Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Md Isa Sabu later jointly launched the programme held at the Behor Pulau Community Nursing College by scooping water from an earthenware jar and pouring it into a bamboo.

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