

Deputy Prime Minister Heads Perak Awards List
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IPOH, Nov 27 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi heads a list of 702 recipients of state awards and medals in conjunction with the Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Shah's birthday today, which will be celebrated for the first time since the Sultan's enthronement as Sultan Perak XXXV in May.

The investiture sessions at the Balairong Seri, Istana Iskandariah, Kuala Kangsar will be held tomorrow (Nov 27), Dec 12 and Dec 19.

State Secretary Datuk Seri Abdul Puhat Mat Nayan, in a press conference at his office here today, said Ahmad Zahid was the first recipient of the Darjah Seri Paduka Sultan Nazrin Shah (SPSN), which carries the title "Datuk Seri Diraja".

Abdul Puhat said the Sultan would also confer awards posthumously to six people.

They are UMNO's first president Datuk Sir Onn Jaafar and Perikatan Melayu Perak founder and former menteri besar of the state Datuk Panglima Bukit Gantang Abdul Wahab Toh Muda Abdul Aziz. They will be conferred the Darjah Seri Paduka Cura Si Manja Kini (SPCM) award.

The other posthumous recipient are Kesatuan Melayu Muda leader Dr Burhanuddin Al-Helmy and Ipoh Persatuan Pelajar Melayu Insaf founder Aminuddin Baki who will receive the Darjah Seri Paduka Mahkota Perak (SPMP) while former Perak police chief Tan Sri Koo Chong Kong will be conferred Darjah Seri Panglima Taming Sari (SPTS).

Also former deputy chief of the Appellate and Trial Division in the Attorney-General's Chambers Anthony Kevin Morais will receive the Darjah Datuk Paduka Mahkota Perak (DPMP).

Meanwhile, Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Hamzah Zainuddin, Universiti Malaya chairman Tan Sri Arsyad Ayub and Malaysian Securities Commission chairman Datuk Ranjit Singh will be conferred the SPMP, which carries the title "Datuk Seri".

Army chief General Tan Sri Raja Mohamed Affandi Raja Mohamed Nor will receive the SPTS, which carries the title "Datuk Seri Panglima".

State Human Resources, Youth and Sports Committee chairman Datuk Shahrul Zaman Yahya is among three recipients of the Datuk Paduka Cura Si Manja Kini (DPCM) award, which carries the title "Datuk".

The other two recipients are legal advisor to the Perak state government Rohana Abdul Malek and Orang Besar Jajahan Larut Matang & Selama Wan Mohd Isa Wan Mohd Razali.

Freelance preacher Datuk Mohd Kazim Elias, Berita Harian group editor Datuk Mahfar Ali and Perak Fire and Rescue Department director Yahya Madis are among 21 recipients of the Datuk Paduka Mahkota Perak (DPMP) which carries the title "Datuk".

Federal Police (Bukit Aman) Crime Prevention and Community Policing Department director Datuk Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani and Perak Criminal Investigation Department chief Goh Kok Liang are among five recipients of the Datuk Pahlawan Taming Sari (DPTS) which carries the title "Datuk Pahlawan".

Six athletes who brought the country glory will also be recognised, namely shuttler Lee Wan Wah (Ahli Mahkota Perak - AMP), bowler Syaidatul Afifah Badrul Hamidi (Pingat Pekerti Terpilih - PPT), wushu exponent Chin Kin Thong (PPT), Nordin Yahya - golf (PPT), Muhammad Rezaki Shoib - paralympic sailing (PPT) and Hairol Fozi Saaba - paralympic badminton (Pingat Jasa Kebaktian - PJK).

Four employees of various media agencies are also honoured. They are the Malaysian National News Agency's (Bernama) senior manager of Portal and Photo Marketing Maznah Khalil and The Star's Perak bureau chief Ivan Loh Hao Wen, both of them will receive the AMP, while Nurul Fariha Onn (TV3) and Foong Ching Mean of Sin Chew Daily will receive the PPT.

Two people will receive the SPCM, SPMP (five), SPTS (two), DPCM (three), DPMP (21) and DPTS (five).

Fifteen people will receive the Paduka Cura Si Manja Kini (PCM), Paduka Mahkota Perak (PMP) (41), Ahli Cura Si Manja Kini (ACM) (14), AMP (170), PPT (214), PJK (205) and Pingat Lama Perkhidmatan (PLP) (four).

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