

## **Kedah Sultan and Sultanah visit Royal Mausoleum**

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ALOR SETAR, Oct 5 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Kedah Sultan Sallehuddin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah and the Sultanah of Kedah Sultanah Maliha binti Almarhum Tengku Ariff today visited the Langgar Royal Mausoleum here.

The 'Istiadat Ziarah Makam' is part of the ceremonies held in conjunction with the installation of Sultan Sallehuddin as the 29th Sultan of Kedah on Oct 22 at the Istana Anak Bukit here.

Tunku Laksamana of Kedah Datuk Tunku Shazuddin Arif Ibni Sultan Sallehuddin and Tunku Temenggong of Kedah Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah were present at the ceremony.

Also present were Tunku Bendahara of Kedah Tan Sri Tunku Abdul Hamid Thani Ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah and his wife Datin Seri Diraja Puan Seri Datuk Nora Abdullah and Raja Muda of Kedah Tengku Sarafudin Badlishah Ibni Sultan Sallehuddin.

Menteri Besar of Kedah Datuk Seri Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir and his wife Tok Puan Norzieta Zakaria and other state government leaders were also present.

The ceremony began with a 'tahlil' and reciting of the 'doa' led by Kedah Mufti Datuk Syeikh Fadzil Awang.

Sultan Sallehuddin and Tengku Sarafudin Badlishah then visited the graves of 10 past sultans as well as the grave of the Sultan's mother, Tunku Ampuan Asma binti Almarhum Sultan Sulaiman.

The Sultan and the Raja Muda accompanied by Mukhriz first visited the grave of Sultan Zainal Rasyid Mu'adzam Shah II, who was the 25th sultan of Kedah, followed by the the grave of Sultan Ahmad Tajuddin Mukarram Shah (the 24th sultan).

They also visited the graves of Sultan Ahmad Tajuddin Halim Shah I (18th sultan); Sultan Abdullah Mukarram Shah (20th sultan) ; Sultan Muhammad Jiwa Zainal Adilin Muadzam Shah II (19th sultan); Sultan Ahmad Tajuddin Halim Shah II (22nd sultan) and Sultan Zainal Rashid Muadzam Shah I (23rd sultan).

They then visited the graves of Sultan Abdul Hamid Halim Shah (26th sultan); Sultan Badlishah (27th sultan); Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah (28th sultan) and Tunku Ampuan Asma.

Syeikh Fadzil led the congregation in a doa recital at each grave.

Sultan Sallehuddin sprinkled scented water and flower petals on the graves.

The Installation of the 29th Sultan of Kedah comprises several ceremonies. It begins with the 'Istiadat Letak Kerja'. Then come today's 'Istiadat Ziarah Makam' (visit to the graves); 'Istiadat Siram Tabal' (royal bathing ceremony) on Oct 14; 'Istiadat Perarakan' (royal parade) on Oct 20 and 'Istiadat Pertabalan Sultan Kedah' (Installation of the Sultan of Kedah) on Oct 22.

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