



(From left) Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, Sultan of Kedah Sultan Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah, Sultan of Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Sultan Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah and Sultan of Johor Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar at Istana Negara yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

16TH YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG

PAHANG SULTAN IS NEW KING

I will fulfil my duties to the best of my abilities, says Sultan Abdullah

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THE Pahang sultan was announced the new Yang di-Pertuan Agong yesterday following a special meeting of the Conference of Rulers at Istana Negara.

Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Sultan Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah gave praise to God, and thanked state rulers for the honour.

"This is a big responsibility which I will fulfil to the best of my abilities."

The announcement was made by Keeper of the Rulers' Seal Tan Sri Syed Danial Syed Ahmad.

"Abiding by decree, I hereby convey that the Conference of

Rulers, during its 251st (special) meeting at Istana Negara on Jan 24, agreed to proclaim His Royal Highness Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, who is sultan of Pahang, as Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong XVI, for five years starting Jan 31.

"The Conference of Rulers has also agreed to proclaim His Royal Highness Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah as Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong for five years starting Jan 31," said Syed Danial.

Eight out of nine Malay rulers were present. Sultan Muhammad V, who was king before he stepped down on Jan 6, was the only absentee.

Sultan of Terengganu Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin chaired the special session.

The other rulers are Raja of Perlis Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail, Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir, Sultan of Johor

Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar, Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, Sultan of Kedah Sultan Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah and Sultan Abdullah.

Sultan Abdullah, 59, was the last to be seen leaving Istana Negara.

Syed Danial said: "In accordance with Paragraph 3 of the first section of the Third Schedule of the Constitution, the decision made by the Conference of Rulers has been relayed to both houses of Parliament. The prime minister has also been informed."

The election of a king is based on a rotational system among the nine hereditary rulers.

A five-vote majority must be obtained by any nominated ruler in the secret ballot used in the election.

Yesterday's announcement follows a dramatic turn of events that began with a rare and unscheduled meeting by rulers on Jan 2.

The *New Straits Times* had reported that a "serious discus-

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SULTAN OF PAHANG

Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah

Date of birth: July 30, 1959

Place of Birth: Istana Mangga Tunggal, Pekan, Pahang

EDUCATION

- 1965 : Preschool at Clifford School, Kuala Lipis, Pahang
- 1966 - 1969 : SK Ahmad, Pekan and SK St Thomas, Kuantan,
- 1970 - 1974 : SMK St Thomas, Kuantan
- 1975 - 1977 : Aldenham School, Elstree, Hertfordshire, the United Kingdom.
- : Davies College, London, UK.
- 1978 - 1979 : The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, UK
- 1980 - 1981 : Worcester College and Queen Elizabeth College, UK
- 1980 : Second Lieutenant at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, (commissioned by Queen Elizabeth II).
- : Captain of the Malaysian Royal Cavalry Corps
- May 1, 1999 : Lieutenant-Colonel of the 505 Territorial Army Regiment
- June 1, 2000 : Colonel of the 505 Territorial Army Regiment
- April 1, 2004 : Brigadier-General of the 505 Territorial Army Regiment

PAHANG CROWN PRINCE

- Appointed on July 1, 1975.
- Formal proclamation on Oct 23, 1977 at Istana Abu Bakar, Pekan.

REGENT OF PAHANG

- Appointed at the age of 20 on April 28, 1979, for five years when his father, Sultan Ahmad Shah, became the seventh Yang di-Pertuan Agong.
- Again appointed regent on Dec 8, 2016, until Jan 11 when he was appointed the sixth sultan of Pahang.

SPORTS

- A keen sportsman.
- Led the Pahang Royal Polo team in an international tournament at the Windsor Polo Club.
- Participated in tournaments in Singapore, the Philippines, Brunei, Argentina, the United States, Spain and Belgium.
- Formed a football club called Sri Mahkota Alam in Pekan.
- Has great interest in golf, go-kart racing and ultralight aviation.

CONSORT

Tengku Puan Pahang
Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah
Maimunah Iskandariah
Almarhum Almutawakkil
Alallah Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj.
Date of birth: Aug 5, 1960.

CHILDREN

1. Tengku Amir Nasser Ibrahim Shah
2. Tengku Puteri Iman Afzan
3. Tengku Puteri Ilisha Ameera
4. Tengku Hassanah Ibrahim Alam Shah
5. Tengku Puteri Ilyana
6. Tengku Muhammad Iskandar Ri'ayatuddin Shah
7. Tengku Ahmad Ismail Muadzam Shah
8. Tengku Puteri Afzan Aminah Hafizatullah
9. Tengku Puteri Jihan Azizah Athiyatullah

POSITIONS HELD

- Pahang Islamic Religious and Malay Customs Council president
- Pahang Royal Family Welfare Body president
- Chancellor of Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Universiti Malaysia Pahang and DRB-HICOM University of Automotive Malaysia
- Asean Football Federation council member
- FIFA executive committee member
- Former president of Football Association of Malaysia
- Malaysian Hockey Federation president
- Asian Hockey Federation president
- International Hockey Federation executive board member
- Royal Malaysian Polo Association president
- Royal Pahang Polo Club president
- Pahang Squash Club president
- Royal Pahang Golf Club president
- Royal Pahang Shooting Club president

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

- Chairman of the organising committee of 1997 FIFA World Youth Championship, Malaysia
- Member of the organising committee of 2003 FIFA Confederations Cup, Paris
- Chairman of the organising committee of 2011 FIP Polo World Cup, Malaysia
- Chairman of the organising committee of 2012 FIH Congress, Kuala Lumpur
- Chairman of 2015 AFC Asian Cup, Australia
- Member of the organising committee for 2018 World Cup, Russia

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sion" on the monarchy took place during the meeting, which occurred at the end of Sultan Nazrin's duties as acting king in the absence of Sultan Muhammad V, who had been on two months' leave.

After Sultan Muhammad V resigned, Sultan Ahmad Shah of Pahang, 88, who is ill, was next in line based on the rotational system.

On Jan 9, the NST reported about a proposal by the Pahang Royal Council to have Sultan Abdullah, who had been carrying out duties as Pahang regent for more than two years at that point, to ascend the Pahang throne.

The proposal was approved and Sultan Abdullah was proclaimed the sixth modern sultan of Pahang on Jan 15.