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Perak Sultan Nazrin to be installed as ruler in May

ENTHRONEMENT:

Ceremony will be steeped in tradition for state's 35th ruler

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THE nation will witness once again the tradition of enthronement when Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah is enthroned as the 35th ruler of Perak.

In a statement issued by the Office

of the Sultan of Perak yesterday, the Dewan Negara Perak secretary Toh Amar Seri DiRaja Datuk Ayop Hashim said the enthronement would be held on May 6.

He said the date was decided by Sultan Nazrin following advice by Dewan Negara Perak members during the 162nd meeting of the council on Nov 22.

"Various activities are being planned that include the arrivals of Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Per-tuan Agong, Malay rulers, Raja Muda, Tengku Mahkota, state governors, the prime minister, cabinet ministers and foreign and local dignitaries.

"Religious activities and other

events are also planned so that His Royal Highness (Sultan Nazrin) will have the opportunity to be close to his subjects during the celebration."

Ayop said various ceremonies to mark the occasion steeped in history, dating back to 1528, would begin on May 6 with the *Istiadat Tabal Adat*.

This is when the famed *Cura Si Manja Kini* royal sword will be presented to Sultan Nazrin. The ceremony will take place at Istana Iskandariah in Kuala Kangsar.

This will be followed with the *Istiadat Tabal Pusaka*, also known as *Istiadat Tabal Jin*, which will begin on the evening of May 7.

This ceremony will be followed by *Istiadat Bersiram Tabal* where both Sultan Nazrin and Raja Permaisuri Perak Tuanku Zara Salim will be bathed in water taken from seven estuaries of Sungai Perak.

Thereafter, the royal couple will visit royal mausoleums of Perak rulers, before travelling downstream along Sungai Perak towards Teluk Intan.

The tradition will end near Bagan Datoh where Sultan Nazrin will enter the waters of Beting Beras Basah, where the first Sultan of Perak Sultan Muzaffar Shah (1528-1549) had set foot after his entourage crossed the Straits of Malacca from Kampar in Sumatera to reach Perak.