

Perak Sultan names new Raja di-Hilir

THREE TITLED RAJAS, A MAJOR CHIEF MOVE UP THE LADDER

KUALA KANGSAR, Wed. — The Raja Kecil Besar of Perak, Raja Datuk Seri Ahmad Hisham bin Raja Abdul Malik, was today appointed the State's new Raja di-Hilir.

He succeeds Raja Ekram ibni al-Marhum Sultan Yussuf Izzuddin, 60, who died of a heart attack here on June 8.

The appointment of Raja Datuk Seri Ahmad Hisham was made by the Sultan on the advice of the Dewan Negara, Perak, at the Istana Iskandariah here.

He becomes the second in line to the throne, the first being the Raja Muda, Raja Musa ibni Sultan Abdul Aziz.

Raja Datuk Seri Ahmad Hisham, who will be 72 on Aug. 19, was educated at the Anglo-Chinese School in Teluk Anson and the Malay College, Kuala Kangsar.

He was appointed Registrar of Criminals, Straits Settlement and

Federated Malay States, at the Police Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur in 1930 and was later attached to the intelligence branch.

He saw service in World War II as an important Malay officer fighting against Japanese Fifth Columns and was arrested by the "Fujiwara Kiken" (Fifth Column) following the fall of Kuala Lumpur and detained for over two months.

The Dewan Negara, presided over by the Sultan, also promoted two titled Rajas, a major chief and appointed an unofficial member.

The Raja Kecil Su-long, Raja Datuk Seri Azlan Shah ibni al-Marhum Sultan Yussuf Izzuddin Shah, who is also a Federal Judge, was promoted to Raja Kecil Besar, while the Raja Kecil Tengah, Raja Datuk Ahmad Siffudin ibni al-Marhum Sultan Iskandar Shah (younger brother of the Sultan) was promoted to succeed him.

The secretary of the Dewan Negara, Perak, Toh Amar Seri di-Raja Ayop bin Hashim, said the post of Raja Kecil Tengah was left vacant.

Vacant

Raja Izzuddin ibni Sultan Idris Shah, the eldest son of the Sultan, remains the Raja Kecil Bongsu.

The secretary said the promotions would take effect on Aug. 1.

The Sultan's private secretary, Wan Ahmad bin Wan Rashidi, the Toh Muda Orang Kaya Menteri Paduka Tuan, was promoted to Orang Kaya Menteri Paduka Tuan, which is the fourth major chief of the State, with effect from June 22.

He succeeds Datuk Haji Wan Mohamed Noor bin Wan Ahmad Nasir, 76, who died of a heart attack in Taiping on June 21.

The post of Toh Muda Orang Kaya Menteri Paduka Tuan is vacant.

The former State Assemblyman for Bukit Chandan, Haji Ahmad bin Zainal Abidin, has been appointed Toh Tan Dewa Raja, an unofficial member of the Dewan Negara with effect from Aug. 1. The title is one of the 32 major chiefs in the State.

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