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# TUNKU SALLEHUDDIN IS 29TH SULTAN OF KEDAH



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**KEDAH'S 29TH SULTAN**  
**TUNKU SALLEHUDDIN IBNI ALMARHUM SULTAN BADLISHAH**



**Born:** April 30, 1942  
**Age:** 75

**Place of birth:** Alor Star, Kedah

**Royal appointment:**

- Tunku Temenggong Kedah - Nov 28, 1981
- Raja Muda of Kedah - Dec 12 last year

**Education:**

- Cadet training at Indian Military Academy in Dehradun, India

**Work:**

- Commissioned as a lieutenant on Feb 12, 1964
- Posted to the 12th Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment (RAMD) in Pengkalan Chepa, Kota Baru, Kelantan
- Involved in several security operations in Kelantan, Kedah and Perak border areas with Thailand

**Positions held:**

- Chancellor of Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences

He was proclaimed Raja Muda by Sultan Abdul Halim in December

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**T**UNKU Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah, 75, has been proclaimed the 29th Sultan of Kedah, effective yesterday.

The proclamation of the Raja Muda of Kedah as the new state ruler follows the demise of his elder brother, Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah.



Tunku Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah is proclaimed the 29th Sultan of Kedah at Istana Anak Bukit in Alor Star yesterday. PIC BY AMRAN HAMID

Tunku adzam Shah.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah announced that Tunku Sallehuddin's appointment was approved during the Kedah Royal members' meeting on Monday following the passing of Sultan Abdul Halim.

He said this was in line with Articles 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Kedah constitution, and the proclamation of Tunku Sallehuddin as sultan was in accordance with Article 17.

The announcement was made

at Balai Penghadapan in Istana Anak Bukit before Sultan Abdul Halim's body.

After the announcement, Kedah royal ceremony chief Datuk Syed Unan Mashri Syed Abdullah led Tunku Sallehuddin

to the throne, followed by three shouts of "*Daulat Tuanku*".

Tunku Sallehuddin then touched the casket in which Sultan Abdul Halim's body was lying in state as a symbolic gesture to mark the start of the royal funeral service.

In December, Tunku Sallehuddin was proclaimed Raja Muda by Sultan Abdul Halim following the passing of Tunku Malik Sultan Badlishah.

Tunku Sallehuddin was born here in April 1942 and raised at Istana Anak Bukit.

Upon completing his Senior Cambridge, Tunku Sallehuddin underwent a one-year military training stint at the Indian Military Academy in Dehradun, India, in 1962.

He was subsequently commissioned as a lieutenant and was posted to the Royal Malay Regiment, with his first deployment

Sciences

- President of the Kedah Islamic Religious Council

#### Family:

#### Spouse

Tengku Maliha  
Tengku Ariff



#### Sons:

- Tunku Sarafuddin Badlishah
- Tunku Shazuddin Badlishah

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## PM congratulates new sultan of Kedah

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday congratulated Tunku Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah on being proclaimed the new sultan of Kedah.

"Heartiest congratulations to Tunku Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah, who has been proclaimed as the 29th Sultan of Kedah today (yesterday).

"Hopefully Kedah Darul Aman will progress and be blessed by

Allah. *Daulat Tuanku*," he said in his Facebook page.

The proclamation of the Raja Muda of Kedah as the new state ruler follows the demise of his brother Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah.

Najib later posted two pictures — one of him and Sultan Abdul Halim and the other of his father, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, with the ruler. Both were taken during the times the sultan served as

Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

"I am reminded of the late Tuanku Abdul Halim, who always said it had been unlikely that this had repeated in history. The first time Tuanku became Yang di-Pertuan Agong, my father was the prime minister and the second time, I had become the prime minister.

"May Allah bless the late Tuanku and place him among the *syuhada. Al-Fatihah.*"

in Pengkalan Chepa, Kelantan.

He is married to Tengku Maliha Tengku Ariff, who is a member of the Kelantan royal family.

The couple has two sons: Datuk Tunku Sarafuddin Badlishah and Datuk Tunku Shazuddin Badlishah. **Additional reporting by Ili Shazwani**