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Datuk Seri Najib Razak will receive the Darjah Setia Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail (SSSJ)

KANGAR: They had served him well during his tenure as the 12th Yang di-Pertuan Agong and, today, they will be honoured for their loyal service.

Among those who will receive awards in conjunction with the 64th birthday celebration of the Raja of Perlis Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail are more than 20 police bodyguards, armed forces personnel, drivers and cooks from Istana Negara, who had served the ruler with dedication for five years when he was the king.

Among the recipients is Sgt Romeza Mohd Musthafa, who was the police bodyguard for the former Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid.

Sgt Romeza will receive the Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (PJK). Receiving awards with him are Istana Negara security guard Sgt Major Wahab Salim and Istana Negara valet Sulaiman Ahmad.

The trio are among 468 recipients of awards led by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who will receive the Darjah Setia Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail (SSSJ), which carries the title "Datuk Seri Diraja".

However, Najib will only receive the award on Sunday as he is attending a meeting on the Industrial Master Plan in Kuala Lumpur today. Most of the other awards will be bestowed at Istana Arau.

Three cabinet ministers and two heads of uniformed forces will receive the Darjah Seri Paduka Mahkota Perlis (SPMP), which carries the title "Datuk Seri".

They are Agriculture and Agribased Industries Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein and Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Dr Jamaluddin Mohd Jarjis.

The SPMP will also be awarded to the armed forces chief Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Zainal and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan.

Universiti Utara Malaysia vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Nordin Kardi is one of five recipients of the Darjah Datuk Paduka Mahkota Perlis (DPMP), which carries the title "Datuk".

The other four are Perlis state executive councillor for Housing and Local Government Oui Ah Lan, Senator Ismail Kasim, Defence Ministry assistant chief staff

(army base human resources branch), brigadier-general Mohd Zaki Mokhtar and Perlis state secretary Ismail Osman.

Kuala Lumpur hospital director Dr Zaininah Mohd Zain is the sole recipient of the Darjah Datuk Setia Paduka Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Amalullail (DSPJ) which carries the title "Datuk".

Seven others will receive the Darjah Datuk Panglima Sirajuddin Amalullail (DPSJ), which also carries the title "Datuk".

They are Shell Malaysia Trading managing director Mohzani Abdul Wahab; Mimos president and chief executive officer Abdul Wahab Abdullah; West Malaysia Federation of Malay Teachers president Abd Rahman Daud; Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry deputy secretary-general (operations) Datin Zuraidah Muhamed; medical officer Dr Mohamad Sha Ahmad; Universiti Teknologi Malaysia lecturer Prof Dr Ahmad Darus; Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Effendi Norwawi; and Khairul Yusni Md Yusof.

Two special honours carrying the title "Datuk" will be awarded to Farmers Association board of directors' chairman Rashid Jasin and Perlis Religious and Malay Customs council member Dahaman @ Dahlan Mohd Zain.

Twenty-two people will receive the Darjah Setia Mahkota Perlis (SMP); 20 will be bestowed with the Darjah Seri Sirajuddin Perlis (SSP); 32 will receive the Darjah Ahli Mahkota Perlis (AMP) and 80 others will receive the Pingat Mahkota Perlis (PMP).