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Tengku Puan Panglima Perlis dikurnia anugerah tertinggi Selangor

→ Panglima ATM, Peguam Cara Negara II turut terima darjah kebesaran

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Sembilan penerima DPMS

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Zulkifli Zainal Abidin

Datuk bagi lelaki dan Datin Paduka bagi wanita.

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Kurnia darjah kepada atlet

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114 recipients to be honoured today in conjunction with Sultan's birthday

KLANG: The Sultan of Selangor's youngest sister, Tengku Puteri Nor Zehan Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Alhaj, heads the list of 114 recipients of state honours in conjunction with Sultan Shaharufuddin Idris Shah's 73rd birthday celebration today.

Tengku Puteri Nor Zehan, who is also Rumah Amal Cahaya Tengku Ampuan Rahimah patron, was conferred the Darjah Kerabat Selangor Yang Amat Dihormati (DK II).

Malaysian Armed Forces chief Jen Tan Sri Zulkifli Zainal Abidin, former solicitor-general II Datin Paduka Zaayah T. Loth Khan and Khazanah Nasional Bhd managing director Datuk Shahril Ridza Ridzuan are the three recipients of the Seri Paduka Mahkota Selangor (SPMS) first class honour award, which carries the title "Datuk Seri" for men and "Datin Paduka Seri" for women.

Tengku Puan Indera Setia Selangor Tuniku Irinah Almarhum Tuanku Jaafar, Selangor Royal Council member Datuk Salehuddin Saidin and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Pro Chancellor Tan Sri Lim Ah Lek are bestowed the Datuk Setia-Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah (SSIS) (First Class) award, which



From left: Tengku Puteri Nor Zehan, Admiral Mohd Reza, Shahril Ridza, Comm Mazlan and Lim.

carries the title "Datuk Setia" for men and "Datin Paduka Setia" for women.

The investiture ceremony will be held at Istana Shah Alam today.

Shah Alam High Court judge Datuk Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah heads the list of nine recipients for the Datuk Paduka Mahkota Selangor (DPMS) (Second Class), which carries the title "Datuk" for men and "Datin Paduka" for women.

The other DPMS recipients are

navy chief Admiral Datuk Mohd Reza Mohd Sany, ATM 11th Brigade chief Brig-Jen Dr Mohd Radzi Abdul Hamid, Selangor police chief Datuk Pahlawan Mazlan Mansor, Touch Group Holdings Sdn Bhd director Tengku Datuk Muhammad Mazlan Tengku Putera Zainal Abidin, Petaling District Officer Roslinah Md Jani, Selangor Town and Country Planning Department director Muhammad Ridzuan Arshad, Kajang Municipal Council president Mohd Sayuthi Bakar and Prof Dr Mohd Ali

Hassan of UPM's Biotechnology and Biomolecular Science Faculty.

Ten people will receive the Datuk-Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah (DSIS) (Second Class) award, which carries the title "Datuk" and "Datin Paduka".

Among them are Naval Special Forces (Paskal) chief First Admiral Anuar Alias, Antara Holiday Sdn Bhd chairman Tan Sri Azman Shah Haron, Cancer Research Malaysia chief executive Prof Dr Teo Soo Hwang, UPM Faculty of Veterinary

Medicine dean Prof Dr Mohd Hair Bejo, TH Travel and Services Sdn Bhd CEO Datuk Mohd Khalid Mohd Noordin and Ampang Jaya Municipal Council president Abd Hamid Hussain.

Five national athletes are the recipients of the Ahli Kegemilangan Sukan Selangor (AKS) award – Sjn Emma Firyana Saroji (lawn bowls), Farhan Adam (sepak takraw), Amy Kwan Diet Weng (rhythmic gymnastics), Muhammad Faizul M. Nasir (pencak silat) and Siti Safiyah Amirah Abdul Rahman (tenpin bowling).

Fifteen people are conferred the Setia Mahkota Selangor (SMS) award and another 15 will receive the Setia-Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah (SSIS) award.

Twenty-two people will be conferred the Ahli Mahkota Selangor (AMS) and 21 others the Ahli-Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah (AIS).

The Bintang Kegemilangan Sukan (BKS) award is bestowed on MotoGP rider Hafizh Syahrin Abdullah, cyclist Fadhl Mohd Zonis and tenpin bowler Natasha Mohamed Roslan.

Seven people will receive the Bintang Perkhidmatan Cemerlang (BPC) medal. — Bernama



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The remaining Highland Towers blocks, surrounded by thick greenery, is a grim reminder of a landslide that claimed 48 lives in 1993. — FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

Revisiting a tragedy

Today marks 25 years since the nation witnessed the worst housing landslide disaster when Tower One of Highland Towers in Hulu Kelang collapsed and claimed 48 lives. > 2&3



Over the decades, dense vegetation has surrounded Towers Two and Three. — filepic

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TODAY marks 25 years since the Highland Towers condominium collapsed in Hulu Kelang, claiming the lives of 48 residents.

A former Tower Three resident Dr Iain Gray said he plans to visit the site to pay his respects today. "We remember what happened on that day and feel for the families of the victims," the 72-year-old said.

Gray was also one of the first people to arrive at the scene.

"I was driving towards Highland Towers at the bottom of the hill when I heard a loud 'whoomp' and my first thought was that it could be blasting work from the ongoing construction at the Bukit Antarabangsa housing development project, located on the hilltop behind Highland Towers.

"When I arrived I was shocked to see Tower One on the ground. There was a lot of dust and people running.

"I ran in to check on my family and once I knew they were safe, I stayed on to help others," he said.

An engineer by training, Gray helped in rescue efforts to save the survivors and was part of the rescue team for the full 12 days.

Former Highland Towers Residents Committee secretary Chan Keng Fook said he would be visiting the site too.

"I am not sure if anyone else will be going to the site as no formal ceremony has been planned. Some of those involved want to move on.

"I will visit the site and bring along the original poster that was created six months after the tragedy to commemorate those who lost their lives," he said, adding he goes to the scene of the tragedy once every five years.

For 81-year old Molly Abraham, the clearest memory she has of Highland Towers was its close-knit community.

"We were one of the first families to move into Tower One in 1977, so we got to know the

Preserve memory of those who perished

Highland Towers former residents find idea for a park at tragedy site ideal to remember the departed



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Dr Iain Gray

others well.

"I still remember the get-togethers we used to have with the neighbours and still think about them," said Abraham, adding she was still

in touch with some of her former neighbours.

On Dec 11, 1993, one of the three Highland Towers blocks collapsed, killing 48 in the nation's worst housing tragedy.

It was determined that the earth gave way after 10 days of rainfall causing the landslide.

Residents of the two other blocks were subsequently evacuated. There were plans to repair the two blocks in 1995, but checks

revealed that both structures were unstable and that demolition was the only option.

In August, Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin said the site where the two towers currently stand would be turned into a recreational park after they were demolished as the area was not suitable for any structure.

It was earlier reported that there were plans to build 50 bungalows on an 8ha land around the Highland Towers site.

Both Gray and Chan said a park was the best option as it would be a fitting way to preserve the memory of those who perished.

"It is important that we do not forget the events that happened here," Chan said.

Gray, however, was disappointed that the authorities and developers had not learned their lesson from the incident.

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A committee comprising 10 government agencies has been formed to study the redevelopment plans, namely the Selangor government, Land and Mines Department,

Mineral and Geoscience Department, Drainage and Irrigation Department, Public Works Department and Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ).

The ministries involved are Finance, Economic Affairs, Works, as well as Environment and Natural Resources.

The committee has been tasked to identify relevant issues and decide on the direction and strategies for the redevelopment.

MPAJ president Abdul Hamid Hussain said the committee was still in the process of identifying the remaining owners before any redevelopment could take place.

"The Insolvency Department has to resolve the ownership status of 39 units at Highland Towers before the blocks can be demolished.

"We need the owners to come forward to officially surrender their ownership.

"There could be legal implications if the demolition is carried out without consent from all the owners," he said.

Abdul Hamid said they had hit a

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(Above) Highland Towers comprised three blocks with the first building completed in 1977. — filepic



(Left) Chan with the poster of the victims during his visit to the Highland Towers site to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the collapse. — filepic

stumbling block as not all the owners could be traced while several others were trying to seek compensation.

It was previously reported that the civil suits against those held liable for the Highland Towers tragedy were dropped following a RM52m out-of-court settlement in 2004.

It was reported that AmFinance Bhd (formerly Arab-Malaysian Finance Bhd) agreed to pay

RM52m to 139 residents and owners in exchange for the plaintiffs to "release and assign to AmFinance all rights of action in the suits against Highland Properties Sdn Bhd and the developer of Highland Towers".

They also signed to release or assign their rights and titles to their individual apartment units in Highland Towers and their rights to the common property.

The RM52m was said to be a full and final settlement for all claims, inclusive of costs, arising and or resulting from three suits against AmFinance.

In 2006, the Federal Court ruled that MPAJ was not liable for the pre- and post-collapse period of Tower One.

The Federal Court stated that local authorities such as MPAJ had full immunity under Section 95(2) of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 (Act 133) from



Loved ones of Highland Towers victims attending the memorial service in Hulu Kelang in 1994. The plaque (on the left) was later vandalised. — filepic

claims for the pre-collapse period.

The court was unanimous in allowing MPAJ's appeal to set aside the Court of Appeal's decision holding the council 15% responsible for the pre-collapse period.

As for the post-collapse liability,

the Federal Court dismissed with a 2-1 majority the cross-appeal by the 73 residents of Tower Two and Tower Three against the Court of Appeal's ruling that MPAJ was not liable for losses suffered during the post-collapse period.