



The Kelantan Coats of Arms

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The Kelantan State Crest dates from very recent times. Prior to 1916 A.D. (TH 1335) no crest had ever been used, but in that year the late Sultan Mohamed IV directed that it should consist of the Crescent and Star, two tombaks (javelins), two unsheathed keris (Malay daggers), a pair of cannons, and the motto "*Kapada Tuhan Berserah Keraja'an Kelantan*". A few years later, the late Sultan Ismail ordered that to these be added a Crown and a pair of Kijang, thus giving the Crest its present appearance.

The colour of the device is Gold.

The Crown symbolises the sovereignty of the Sultan as Ruler. It is interesting to note that the late Sultan Ismail was the first Kelantan Ruler to wear a Crown.

The Javelins and Keris symbolise the strength of the Kelantan Malays.

The Crescent and Star are the Symbols of Islam, which is the established religion of the State and of the great majority of the population.

The two Cannons symbolise preparedness.

The Kijang (deer) has a long association with the history of this State. It was the favourite pet of Che Wan Kembang (more widely known as "Che Siti") who was the lady ruler of Kelantan towards the end of the fourteenth century A.D. So fond was she of this pet that with a view to immortalising it in the memory of her subjects she caused the likeness of the Kijang to be minted on the gold coins of that period. It is to the beloved memory of this ruler that the Kijang are perpetuated in the State Crest of Kelantan.

The motto "Berserah" means "In God we place our trust".

