

Johore Bahru- capital of the State of Johore, in Southern Malaya- put out the flags in honour of the birthday and Diamond Jubilee of its ~~gxxx~~ 82 year-old Sultan.

Thousands of loyal citizens from all over the country (including many of the younger generation) provided the Royal Escort.

The Sultan is the ^{FIRST} ~~only~~ Monarch-^{SINCE} ~~other than~~ Queen Victoria- to enjoy 60 years of sovereignty.

The Istana Palace was the centre of glittering pageantry, for this happy anniversary of a much-loved Ruler was also chosen for the coronation of his consort- Lady Marcella Ibrahim.

Together they entered the Throne Room for the ceremony of oriental splendour.

The Sultan met his wife in a London Air Raid , and they were married during the last war. ~~And~~ the crowning of the Sultanah must surely have been one of the most precious moments in the life of this 39 year-old Rumanian Lady.

After dark, lanterns and lighted floats made a dazzling contribution to the carnival festivities., as the people of Johore expressed their approval of the man who has always been a staunch friend of Britain. His Highness gave more than a million pounds towards the National War Effort. Unforgettable celebrations- a fitting ~~climax~~ climax to the Diamond Jubilee of the Sultan of Johore.

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