



**HIMALAYAN ROYALS
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PRINCE WHO HAS
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DRAGONS' DEN**

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Cradled in his mother's arms, Bhutan's newest Prince makes his debut to the world in a series of official images released last week.

Born on 19 March, the as yet unnamed baby boy is the second child of King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, 40, and his wife Queen Jetsun Pema.

In the photos, which were shared online to mark Queen Jetsun's 30th birthday, the couple are joined by their four-year-old son Prince Jigme Namgyel, known as Druk Gyalsey ("Dragon Prince" in Dzongkha), to make their first public outing as a family of four among the flowers at Lingkana Palace, their home in Thimphu.

"To commemorate the 30th Birth Anniversary of

Her Majesty The Gyaltsuen on the 4th of June, it is our privilege to share a wonderful collection of photographs of the Royal Family," read the post.

FOLLOWING TRADITION

Their new son's name was to be announced "in the coming days", added the message, following Bhutan tradition – Prince Jigme, who was born in February 2016, who was known only as the Gyalsey (Prince) for two months, until his name was revealed in an elaborate naming ceremony at the historic Punakha Dzong monastic fortress in the Himalayan nation.

The new royal appeared to already be a hit with his older brother, who tenderly touched and smiled

at the newborn, who is now second in line to the throne, before leaning in for a kiss. His parents seemed equally smitten as they took turns to hold and gaze at their new son, who was lovingly wrapped in a gold shawl.

Known as the Druk Gyalpo (Dragon King) and Druk Gyaltsuen (Dragon Queen), Jigme and Jetsun tied the knot in a lavish ceremony at Punakha Dzong in 2011. Their open displays of affection, including holding hands and kisses on the cheek, have led to comparisons with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. **H**

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Queen Jetsun Pema (left) looks lovingly at her new Prince in the garden at Lingkana Palace in Thimphu, Bhutan's capital, before the baby boy's big brother Prince Jigme Namgyel and father King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck take their turn (below and right)

