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MELAKA, OCT 15 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WAS MOVED BY THE SPIRIT OF NATIONALISM AND UNITY SHOWN BY THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF MELAKA IN MAKING THE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS CENTRED HERE A SUCCESS.

HE SAID THEIR SPIRIT WAS REFLECTED IN THE NUMBERS WHO HAD TURNED UP AT PADANG PAHLAWAN BANDAR HILIR FOR THE CELEBRATIONS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION IN A LETTER DATED OCT 10 TO CHIEF MINISTER DATUK SERI RAHIM TAMBY CHIK. THE LETTER WAS SENT ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

THE CELEBRATIONS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A SUCCESS WITHOUT THE ENTHUSIASTIC EFFORTS AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE BY ALL QUARTERS, PARTICULARLY THE STATE GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, IN HIS REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER, DATUK SERI RAHIM SAID IT WAS THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE'S WISH THAT THE CELEBRATIONS WOULD FULFIL NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS IN ENCOURAGING LOVE FOR THE NATION, RELIGION AND COUNTRY. -- MORE
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THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE WERE CONFIDENT + NATIONALISM + A SOLID COMMITMENT OF EVERY CITIZEN FOR A MORE PROSPEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL FUTURE OF MALAYSIA, HE ADDED.

HE ASSURED THAT OTHER EFFORTS WITH SIMILAR OBJECTIVES WOULD BE PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT. -- BERNAMA
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