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Aidil Adha (roundup)

HARI RAYA HAJI CELEBRATED ON MODERATE SCALE

KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 (Bernama) -- Muslims in the country today celebrated Hari Raya Haji on a moderate scale.

They converged in mosques throughout the country since this morning to perform the Aidil Adha prayers and later visited their relatives and friends.

This year, Hari Raya Haji is celebrated simultaneously among three Asean countries -- Singapore, Indonesia and Brunei.

Hundreds of cattle, buffaloes and goats were slaughtered as sacrifice in mosques and suraus.

In KUALA LUMPUR, thousands of Muslims thronged Masjid Negara to perform the Aidil Adha prayers.

Mosque management committees in Masjid Al-Firdaus in Segambut Dalam, Masjid Al-Ubudiah in Segambut Luar, Masjid Al-Khadijah Pantai and Masjid Al-Rahman Kampung Kerinchi slaughtered cattle on a gotong-royong basis to be distributed among the Muslims in their respective areas and to the poor.

At Masjid Jamek Kampung Baru alone, 45 head of cattle were slaughtered today as compared to 34 last year, which would be distributed to some 3,500 orphans and the poor, mosque committee secretary Haji Shaari Ibrahim said.

In ALOR SETAR, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff joined some 2,000 Muslims in performing Aidil Adha prayers at Masjid Zahir, here.

The Sultan and Sultanah of Kedah also performed their prayers at the mosque.

Dr Mahathir, the Sultan and Osman exchanged greetings with the congregation after the prayers.

Dr Mahathir will host a open house at Dewan Jitra from 10am to 3pm today.

In KUALA KANGSAR, the Sultan of Perak Sultan Azlan Shah and Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib performed Hari Raya Aidil Adha prayers at Masjid Ubudiah in Bukit Chandan.

The Sultan later visited the royal mausoleum near the mosque and sprinkled scented water and flowers on the graves.

The Sultan and Raja Permaisuri Tuanku Bainun would attend a tea party at Istana Iskandariah grounds this evening.

In KUCHING, Yang Dipertua Negeri Sarawak Tun Haji Ahmad Zaidi Aduce Mohammed Noor joined 2,000 Muslims in performing Aidil Adha prayers at Masjid Kuching this morning.

Also present were State Industrial Development Minister Datuk Abang Johari Tun Abang Haji Openg.

In HULU SELANGOR, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib performed Hari Raya Haji prayers in Masjid Batang Kali with more than 500 Muslims and later participated in the slaughtering of cattle on a gotong-royong basis.

In JOHOR BAHRU, the Sultan of Johor joined about 6,000 Muslims in Hari Raya Aidil Adha prayers at Masjid Pasir Pelangi.

Also present were the Regent of Johor, Tunku Bendahara Johor, state legislative assembly speaker Haji Ali Hassan, state executive councillor Datuk Zainalabidin Mohamad Zin and senior government officials.

In KUALA TERENGGANU, the Sultan of Terengganu is among the 2,000 Muslims who performed the prayers at Masjid Abidin, here.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad, members of the state royal household and state dignitaries were also present.

The Sultan and Wan Mokhtar later attended tahlil prayers at the royal mausoleum near the mosque.

In KANGAR, the Raja and Raja Perempuan Perlis performed Aidil Adha prayers with the people at Masjid Negeri in Arau, near here.

His Highness will hold an open house at Istana Arau while Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim at his residence in Tambun Tulang from 9.30am to 5pm.

The open house is hosted by the Menteri Besar's family as Shahidan and his wife Datin Seri Shamsiah Mohd Yassin were in Mekah to perform the Hajj.

In KUANTAN, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob performed Aidil Adha prayers at Masjid Kampung Jaya Gading, here while the Regent of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah at Masjid Baru, Sungai Karang Pantai, here.

In KOTA KINABALU, the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tan Sri Sakaran Dandai joined about 7,000 Muslims in Aidil Adha prayers at Masjid Negeri, here.

He and his wife Puan Sri Rukaiyah Panglima Abdullah entertained state dignitaries, foreign diplomats and the people in an open house at his residence.

Chief Minister Datuk Salleh Said Keruak performed his prayers at Kota Belud district mosque, about 80km from here.

In MELAKA, Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabuddin performed his Aidil Adha prayers with some 7,000 Muslims at Masjid Al-Azim.

Sixteen head of cattle were slaughtered at the mosque compound for distribution to the poor in the state.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Zin Abdul Ghani performed his prayers at Masjid Melekek Luar, Alor Gajah.

In KOTA BAHARU, the Sultan dan Raja Perempuan Kelantan were among 3,000 Muslims who performed their prayers at Masjid Muhammadi, here.

Also present were the two Deputy Menteris Besar Haji Abdul Halim Abdul Rahman and Datuk Rozali Isohak as well as Parti Melayu Semangat 46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

In PULAU PINANG, Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Dr Hamdan Sheikh Tahir joined fellow Muslims in Aidil Adha prayers at Masjid Negeri, here.

After prayers, he attended a sermon delivered by State Mufti Datuk Sheikh Azmi Ahmad and exchanged greetings with the congregation. -- BERNAMA

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