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Umno-Run

UMNO'S ANNIVERSARY RUN BEGINS

KANGAR, May 1 (Bernama) -- The Umno flag run, held in conjunction with the party's 50th anniversary celebration, began in Padang Besar on the Malaysia-Thailand common border today.

Padang Besar Umno Youth vice-head Khairi Hassan started the run at the roundabout near the immigration complex after Perlis Umno Liaison Committee chairman Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Pawanteh handed him the flag.

Some 500 Umno Youth members accompanied 56 runners for the Perlis stage of the run covering 56km until Kampung Sanglang at the Perlis/Kedah border.

In JOHOR BAHRU, Umno Youth chief Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik launched the run for Johor.

The run, which involved some 2,000 Umno Youth members nationwide, is divided into four routes.

The first route is through Perlis, Kedah, Pulau Pinang, Perak, Selangor; the second through Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang; third through Johor, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur; and fourth from Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu before the flag is flown to Kuala Lumpur.

Runners will take turns to carry the flag.

All the last four groups of runners will arrive simultaneously at the Merdeka Square at 9pm on May 10 witnessed by thousands of party members.

The flags will be handed over to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, deputy-president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Abdul Rahim and Wanita Umno Chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz. -- BERNAMA

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