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AGONG, MAHATHIR, CABINET MINISTERS ATTEND NATIONAL DAY PARADE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 31 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar, Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Cabinet ministers joined thousands of people from all walks of life to witness the 40th National Day parade at Merdeka Square here this morning.

The colourful celebrations kicked off with a musical dance performance by primary school pupils at 8am followed by the procession 30 minutes later.

It started after the King inspected the guard-of-honour mounted by members of the First Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment.

The parading of the Malaysian Flag "Jalur Gemilang" preceded the procession followed by contingents from government departments and agencies, the private sector, political parties and uniform bodies

Similar celebrations were held throughout the country.

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