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MAHATHIR TO NAME M'SIA FLAG ON SATURDAY NIGHT

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- The Malaysia flag, which has been the symbol of pride of Malaysians since Aug 31, 1957, will be accorded a special name before the stroke of midnight on Saturday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would proclaim its name when delivering his speech at 11.54pm at the Merdeka Square, according to a statement issued by the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry.

The statement was distributed by the Information Department today.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to receive the national flag from participants of the National Flag Run, Patriotic Torch Run and Motorthon.

At the stroke of 12 midnight, the national flag would be hoisted to the shouts of "Merdeka" by the people gathered at the Merdeka Square followed by a colourful display of fireworks.

The event is the climax of the Merdeka Day celebrations on Saturday night.

"Di Ambang Merdeka" show organised by the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry would mark the start of this year's National Day celebrations.

Dr Mahathir and his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would be the guests of honour at the function. -- BERNAMA

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