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Hari Raya (Round-up)

MUSLIMS USHER IN 1 SYAWAL WITH GREAT JOY

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 9 (Bernama) -- The long awaited 1 Syawal has arrived at last and has brought together families, relatives and friends to celebrate Hari Raya with joy and happiness.

From dawn, Muslims from all walks of life have been heading for mosques and suraus across the country for the solat sunat Aidil Fitri. Hari Raya today has fueled the Chinese New Year festive air which has been blowing steadily over the last two days.

Malay traditional delicacies such as lemang, beef rendang, kuih bahulu were served in abundance at the open house held to mark Hari Raya.

After having observed the dawn to dusk fast during Ramadan, the people have been returning to their hometowns over the last few days to celebrate the big day today.

All Malaysians are in a festive mood visiting the many Chinese New Year and Hari Raya open house.

In Kuala Lumpur, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agung Tuanku Najihah accompanied by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad performed the solat Aidil Fitri at Masjid Negara together with thousands of people.

Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali earlier had an audience with His Majesty at Istana Negara.

Tuanku Ja'afar and Tuanku Najihah also received Cabinet Ministers, Ambassadors, High Commissioners and other VIPs at Istana Negara.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim also attended the prayers at the National Mosque.

Their Majesties held open house at Istana Negara for the VIPs from 10.30am onwards.

Dr Mahathir held open house at his residence Sri Perdana from 10am and more than 5,000 people took the opportunity to wish the Prime Minister and Dr Siti Hasmah "Selamat Hari Raya".

Among the dignitaries who called on the Prime Minister were MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, MIC President Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu and Gerakan President Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would hold open house at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) from 2pm.

In PERAK, Sultan Azlan Shah performed the solat sunat Aidil Fitri at Masjid Ubudiah in Kuala Kangsar together with Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib.

Her Royal Highness the Raja Perempuan of Perak Tuanku Bainun performed the Hari Raya prayers at Istana Iskandariah.

Tan Sri Ramli Ngah held open house at his Ipoh residence.

In JOHOR BAHRU, His Royal Highness the Sultan of Johor performed the sunat Hari Raya at Masjid Sultan Abu Bakar. Also present were the Tunku Mahkota and the Tunku Bendahara.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and State Assembly Speaker Datuk Ali Hassan were among the dignitaries present.

The Johor Menteri Besar is holding open house at his official residence Saujana from 10am to 1pm.

In SARAWAK, Hari Raya prayers were held in all mosques and suraus.

The Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Ahmad Zaidi Adruce performed the sunat Aidil Fitri at Masjid India in Kuching together with several hundred Muslims.

Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha and Federal Agriculture Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud are among the dignitaries who are holding open house in Kuching.

In KOTA BAHARU, the Sultan of Kelantan said Hari Raya prayers at the Masjid Muhammadi together with some 3,000 people who included Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamad.

After the prayers, His Royal Highness exchanged Hari Raya greetings with his subjects. The Sultan held open house at Istana Negeri near Masjid Muhammadi.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat performed the solat Aidil Fitri at Masjid Pulau Melaka which is near his house together with more than 2,000 people.

Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz is holding open house at his residence at Pulau Melaka from 10am and 6pm.

In KUALA TERENGGANU, the Sultan of Terengganu performed the solat sunat Hari Raya together with about 2,000 Muslims at Masjid Abidin.

Menteri Besar, Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad and the Yang Dipertuan Muda of Terengganu were also present.

The Sultan visited the royal mausoleum at the compound of the mosque and held open house at Istana Maziah. Wan Mokhtar held open house at Sri Iman in Kuala Terengganu.

Hari Raya in Kuala Terengganu was celebrated in good weather conditions with a clear sky and bright sunshine.

In ALOR SETAR, the Sultan and Sultanah of Kedah and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid joined more than 2,000 people for the solat sunat Aidil Fitri at Masjid Zahir.

After the prayers, Their Royal Highnesses, exchanged Hari Raya greetings with the people.

Sanusi and his wife Datin Seri Nila Inangda Manyam Kuemala are holding open house from 11am to 3pm at the Menteri Besar's official residence at Mentaloon.

In SHAH ALAM, the Raja Muda of Selangor performed the solat Aidil Fitri at Masjid Negeri together with thousands of people including Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib.

The Raja Muda is holding open house at Istana Mastika from 11am till 4pm while Muhammad is holding open house at his official residence Bukit Megawati from 10am till 6pm.

In NEGERI SEMBILAN, the Regent of Negeri Sembilan Tunku Naquyuddin Tuanku Jaafar and the Tunku Puan Muda Nurul Hayati performed the solat Aidil Fitri at Masjid Tuanku Munawir in Seri Menanti together with 1,000 people.

After the prayers, the Regent visited the Royal Mausoleum and attended the tahlil led by Negeri Sembilan Mufti Sahibul Sahima Datuk Sheikh Murtaza Haji Ahmad.

The Regent and the Tunku Puan Muda are holding open house from 10.30am till 12.45pm at the Istana Lama for members of the royal household and ordinary people in Seri Menanti and Kuala Pilah. They will hold open house for government servants and VIPs from 4.30pm till 6.30pm.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad is holding open house at his residence No 4 Taman Tasik Seremban from 10am till 1pm. On Monday he will hold open house at Kampung Baru Si Rusa, Port Dickson, from 10am till 1pm.

In KOTA KINABALU, Sabah Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Haji Sakaran bin Dandai joined more than 2,000 Muslims for the solat Aidil Fitri at Masjid Negeri.

Tun Sakaran and his wife Toh Puan Hajah Rukaiyah Datuk Panglima

Abdullah held open house at Istana Negeri. Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee was among the dignitaries who visited the open house.

Sabah Umno held open house at the Dewan Lembaga Letrik Sabah.

In PULAU PINANG, Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Dr Hamdan Sheikh Tahir performed the sunat Aidil Fitri at Masjid Negeri while Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi prayed at the Masjid Ahmad Badawi in Kepala Batas.

Thousands of people from all walks of life flocked to the open house hosted by Abdullah Badawi at Kepala Batas.

In ARAU, the Raja and Raja Perempuan of Perlis performed the sunat Aidil Fitri at Masjid Negeri. Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim.

The Raja and Raja Perempuan of Perlis later held open house at Istana Arau.

Shahidan held open house at his official residence in Jalan Kolam, Kangar. -- BERNAMA

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