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Nation remembers, honours fallen heroes

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar led the nation in remembering and honouring the country's fallen heroes in a wreath-laying ceremony in conjunction with the Warriors Day at the National Monument today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Armed Forces chief Jen Tan Sri Ismail Omar and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Rahim Noor also laid wreaths at the monument.

They were followed by Army chief Jen Datuk Ismail Hassan, Navy chief Laksamana Madya Datuk Seri Ahmad Ramli Md Nor, Air Force chief Lt Jen Datuk Seri Ahmad Saruji Che Rus and the presidents of the Ex-Servicemen's and Ex-Policemen's Associations, Senator Datuk Zainol Abidin Johari and Mansor Md. Jaafar, respectively.

Members of the Cabinet and representatives from foreign embassies were present at the ceremony.

The Last Post by buglers was followed by the recitation of a poem, Pahlawan, dedicated to the sacrifices of the fallen warriors. A brief silence was observed after the recitation.

The King was met on arrival by Dr Mahathir, Ismail and other dignitaries.

He inspected a guard-of-honour led by Mej Hamdi Abdul Rahman of the 1st Battalion, Royal Malay Regiment.

In Alor Star, the Raja Muda today represented the Sultan of Kedah at a wreath laying ceremony at the Jubli Perak Memorial to mark the State-level Warriors' Day celebration.

The Sultan is in Kuala Lumpur chairing the Rulers' Conference.

Also present at the ceremony were the Tunku Bendahara, Toh Puan Bendahara, State Executive Councillors and senior government officers.

State Exco member Abdul Razak Hashim who represented Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid and Sixth Brigade Commander, Brigadier Jeneral Abdul Ghafir Abdul Halim also laid wreaths during the ceremony.

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