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SABBARUDDIN HAPPY WITH NATIONAL DAY PARADE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 31 (Bernama) -- Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik said he was satisfied with the 40th National Day parade which went on smoothly without any hitches at the Merdeka Square this morning.

He said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the parade.

He thanked all parties including the police and armed forces for their cooperation in ensuring the success of the parade.

" The participants showed high spirit. The performance of one or two contingents were not that satisfactory yesterday but they continued to train to tie up the loose ends to put up an impressive performance," said Sabbaruddin, who is also the National Day celebrations main committee chairman.

Fifty-seven contingents and 38 uniformed bands took part in the parade at the Merdeka Square witnessed by the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar, Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Cabinet ministers and foreign diplomats. -- BERNAMA

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