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Johor launches patriotism campaign

JOHOR BARU, Thurs. - Johor has launched a patriotism campaign by flying the Malaysian flag on all State Government vehicles, starting with the official cars of the Menteri Besar, State Executive Councillors and private cars of assemblymen.

State Housing, Small and Medium Industries and Local Government Committee chairman Adam Abdul Hamid said the move was to show that Malaysians were united in their support of the Government under Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and to denounce the street violence, advocated by supporters of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"I believe Malaysians love peace and unity and support the Government's measures to revive the economy and restore stability.

"We should manifest what we believe in by flying the national flag," he said during the recess at the State Legislative Assembly here today.

Adam also distributed the jalur gemilang to State Executive Councillors and State assemblymen.

He said the second stage of the campaign would involve distributing flags to non-governmental organisations, followed by government officers, village heads, parent-teacher associations, taxi drivers, lorry operators and members of the public.

"We hope the people will support our call to fly the flag just like during National Day so as to make this a major movement in support of the Government.

"Just sacrifice a little to buy the flag to show our support for peace in the country.

"Unity among the races is particularly important during this time when the Government is trying to solve economic problem."

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