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Dr M to launch Prophet's birthday celebration

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the Maulidur Rasul celebrations to mark Prophet Muhammad's birthday at Pusat Islam tomorrow.

Themed, Kesejahteraan Negara Tanggungjawab Kita (Nation's Harmony Our Responsibility), the celebrations will begin with a procession from Dataran Merdeka at 7.30am.

Over 12,000 people from government departments, the private sector, associations, institutes of higher learning and schools will take part in the procession.

The procession will make its way through Jalan Raja Laut to Jalan Parlimen and to Jalan Cenderawasih before dispersing at Panggung Anniversary.

Following the procession, members of the public will be treated to a special ceramah by Lt-Kol Jamil Khir, and an hour-long performance by popular nasyid group Raihan.

At Pusat Islam, Dr Mahathir will present this year's recipients of the Anugerah Maulidur Rasul awards, and will also announce the winners of the best participating team in the procession.

A special Forum Perdana Hal Ehwal Islam programme will be aired on TV1 on Friday at 9pm.

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