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TWO QURAN RECITERS DISPLAY THEIR METTLE ON FIRST DAY

MELAKA, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- Two reciters showed their skills in reading the Holy versus of the Al-Quran on the first day of the 41st national-level Quran recital contest at the Kubu Stadium here tonight.

Dahari Bigek from Sarawak is the first qari to take to the stage while the qariah defending champion Hajah Siti Aminah Awang is the second participant.

A total of 29 qari and qariah from all the states are taking part in the five-day competition opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight.

The popular Raihan Group sang contemporary nasyid songs to add colour to the opening of the annual event.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin, Dewan Negara President Tan Sri Mohamed Ya'acob, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman and Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad were among the 8,000 people present at the stadium to witness the occasion.

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