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Aug 29 National Day parade in Bangsar

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Youth and Sports Ministry will organise a National Day parade in Bangsar on Aug 29 as part of efforts to instil a patriotic spirit and love for the country among youths.

Its parliamentary secretary Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said this would help youths understand the significance of independence.

She said youths should be encouraged to participate in the country's 42nd Merdeka Day celebrations.

"We hope to encourage youths from all ethnic groups here to participate in this special occasion and walk alongside individuals who were born before and after the country's independence."

The day-long "Youth Festival and Parade" event will be held from 8am.

"It is really a reflection of a `Mini-Malaysia'," she added.

There will also be stagershows featuring traditional Malay dances and songs, nasyid groups, Banghra dances and Chinese opera which will be organised by the senior editorial staff of the New Straits Times Press (M) Bhd.

There will also be a shopping carnival and several sports events organised by the Bangsar residents' associations, its local business community and the hawkers association.

Prizes will be given for the best costumed contingent and the best decorated home, business outlet and hawker stall.

Winners in various contests will receive prizes from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during a dinner to be held the same day. The venue has not been decided yet.

Those wishing to participate can contact the ministry's Youth Festival secretariat at Tel: 03-2552255 ext 230 or fax: 03-2548296 before the closing date on Aug 12.

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