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Bakti presents Raya goodies to the forces

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) today presented 14,270 packages of goodies for security forces who will be on duty during Hari Raya.

Bakti president Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali said 9,500 packages would be distributed to army personnel on duty throughout the country and abroad.

Another 4,770 would be distributed to policemen.

The packages, containing rendang, serunding, ketupat and satay gravy, were handed over to Armed Forces chief Jen Datuk Seri Mohd Zahidi Zainuddin and Acting Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai.

"This is one way of showing our thanks and appreciation to the police and military personnel for their sacrifices to the nation in maintaining peace."

Dr Siti Hasmah, who is the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said this at a ceremony at Sri Perdana, the official residence of the Prime Minister.

She praised the security forces for serving responsibly and professionally and said Malaysians should be proud of them.

She also advised the wives and children of members of the security forces who will spend the festive season without their husbands and fathers to be patient and pray for their loved ones' safety.

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