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Verse penned by Dr M highlight of poetry recital

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - The highlight of tonight's "Malam Puisi Utusan 8" at the City Hall auditorium was clearly Perjuangan Yang Belum Selesai (An Unfinished Struggle) - a poem penned by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

It was recited with patriotic sentiment by veteran actor-turned-film producer Datuk Jins Shamsudin.

The poem, which describes the Malaysian people's determination to struggle for Independence and their staunch efforts to fulfil the meaning of Independence, was well-received by the audience.

Jins was later joined by Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Sabbaruddin Chik, Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar and Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa, who also rendered their own respective compositions.

Other personalities involved were TV3 compere Normala Shamsudin, ntv7 director Datin Farida Effendi, Air Asia general manager Mohd Nazri Mahajar and Massa magazine editor Ratnawati Jamil and entrepreneur Datuk Maznah Jalil.

The artistes who performed were Nurul, Ajai, Norlieda and nasyid group Ikwan.

The event was organised by Massa, the Utusan group with the co-operation of the Utusan art group, Kuala Lumpur City Hall and Universiti Malaya's Faculty of Dentistry's art and culture club.

Its objective was to promote the arts while promoting Kuala Lumpur as a modern cultural centre.

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