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KELANTAN, T'GGANU TO OBSERVE INDEPENDENCE MONTH

KUALA LUMPUR, July 4 (Bernama) -- Kelantan and Terengganu, the two PAS-run states, today gave their commitment to celebrate the Independence Month to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed on Aug 17.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir thanked the two state governments for joining in the celebrations.

" We will also invite all opposition party leaders to participate in the festivities," he told reporters after chairing the meeting of the sub-committee for Information and Unity attended by senior government officials and media representatives here today.

The celebrations apart from in the form of entertainment and patriotism, would also be in religious functions aimed at expressing the people's gratitude to GOD for the peace and harmony prevailing in the country, he said.

Kadir said he would meet religious leaders from all faiths to discuss suitable ways to convey the people's thanks to GOD according to their respective practices.

The climax of the celebrations is at the stroke of 12 midnight on Aug 31 and the National Day parade in Shah Alam which would be held with a new touch.

The Independence Month will be officially closed on Sept 16, he said.

During the month-long celebrations, the national flag "Jalur Gemilang" would be flown in every nook and corner of the country as part of the campaign to hoist the national flag on a big scale, he added.

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