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Agong-Warriors Day

KING LAYS WREATH TO MARK WARRIORS' DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31 (Bernama) -- To the strains of a bugler's "Last Post " and the lowering of the national flag, Jalur Gemilang, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah laid a wreath at the National Monument here to mark Warriors' Day today.

The King, in the uniform of Supreme Commander, was followed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad, Chief of Defence Forces Gen Tan Sri Mohamed Zahidi Zainuddin and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai.

The ceremony, in remembrance of those who gave their lives to the country and injured in the line of duty, also featured a recital of Maj (Rtd) Mohamed Awang's poem "Pahlawan" (warrior) read out by Juriah Jusoh to the accompaniment of the patriotic song "PahlawanKu".

Chiefs of the tri-services Gen Datuk Seri Md Hashim Hussein (Army), Admiral Datuk Seri Abu Bakar Abdul Jamal (Royal Malaysian Navy) and Gen Datuk Seri Ahmad Saruji Che Rose (Royal Malaysian Air Force) also laid their wreaths.

Malaysian Ex-Servicemen's Association president Datuk Mohamad Abdul Ghani and Ex-Policemen' Association president Mansor Md Jaafar were also given the honour to perform the customary ritual.

Meanwhile in PORT DICKSON, the Negeri Sembilan Yang di-Pertuan Besar Tuanku Ja'afar laid a wreath at the Army Training Centre (Pusasda) warriors' monument.

He was followed by the Undang Luak Sungai Ujong Datuk Klana Petra Mubarak Dohak, Undang Luak Johor Datuk Johan Pahlawan Lela Perkasa Setiawan Abdul Ali, Undang Luak Rembau Datuk Lela Maharaja Muhamad Sharif Othman, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad and State Secretary Datuk Mohd Ali Abd Samad.

Earlier, the Yang di-Pertuan Besar was received by the Menteri Besar, State Secretary, 1st Brigade Commander Brig Jen Datuk Shamsudin Abbas and State Police Chief Datuk Amirudin Embi.

In ALOR SETAR, the Sultan of Kedah laid a wreath at the Silver Jubilee Memorial here.

The Kedah Raja Muda, Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain, 6th Brigade Commander Brig Jen Datuk Mohamed Yusak Sulaiman, Kepala Batas RMAF College Commander Brig. Jen. Mohamed Radzi Zainuddin and Kedah Police Chief Hairuddin Momamed also laid their wreaths.

In KOTA KINABALU, the state-level Warriors' Day celebration was held at the monument here.

Among those who laid their wreaths were Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam, Sabah Police Commissioner Datuk Mamat Talib and 5th Brigade Deputy Commander Kol Mohamad Salleh Ismail.

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