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KEMBARA MERDEKA CONVOY ARRIVES IN MELAKA

MELAKA, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- The Kembara Merdeka 2001 convoy comprising 17 four-wheel drive vehicles and 100 participants today arrived in Kampung Bukit Pulau near Bukit Baru here.

They were received by Melaka Local Government and Environment Committee chairman Datuk Mo'min Abdul Aziz amidst the beating of kompangs and a silat performance.

The participants who include representatives from the Information Ministry and media will tour the state before leaving for Tampin, Negeri Sembilan tomorrow afternoon.

The Kembara Merdeka is a programme held to enable the public to appreciate the significance of the country's independence from colonialists.

The programme was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Putrajaya last Aug 1.

So far the Kembara Merdeka convoy has toured Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang and Johor. It ends at the Merdeka Square in Kuala Lumpur Aug 17.

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