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Muslims take part in prayers, offer sacrifices

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Muslims across the country today celebrated Hari Raya Aidiladha with prayers and offerings of sacrifice.

Mosques and suraus nationwide were filled with Muslims performing their prayers, before slaughtering cattle. The meat was later distributed to the poor.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah performed his prayers at the Sultan Abdul Aziz mosque in Pulau Indah, Klang. The King was joined by Raja Muda Tengku Idris Shah and Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Mohd Khir Toyo.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali performed the prayers at the Al-Bhukhary Islamic Centre mosque in Alor Malai near Alor Star.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi meanwhile attended Hari Raya prayers at the Jamiul Badawi mosque in Kepala Batas.

In Alor Star, the Sultan of Kedah joined hundreds of faithfuls in the Aidiladha prayers at the Masjid Zahir.

In Seremban, the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Jaafar performed his prayers with several hundred Muslims at the Seri Menanti mosque.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad held an open house at Kampung Baru Si Rusa in Port Dickson.

In Penang, the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Hamdan Sheikh Tahir joined 5,000 Muslims in prayers at the State Mosque. Hamdan offered a cattle for sacrifice.

In Kuala Terengganu, the Sultan of Terengganu Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin performed the Aidiladha prayers at the Al-Muktafibilillah Shah mosque in Ladang.

Menteri Besar Abdul Hadi Awang was also present.

Later, Abdul Hadi presented two head of cattle to be sacrificed at his Rusila house in Marang.

In Kota Baru, Hari Raya Aidiladha was celebrated on a moderate scale as Muslims made their sacrifices after the prayers.

The Sultan of Kelantan and the Raja Perempuan, who performed the Hari Raya Aidiladha prayers at the Muhammadi mosque, later met guests at the Istana Balai Besar.

The royal couple also visited the royal mausoleum at Kampung Langgar.

Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat led the Raya prayers at a mosque in Kampung Pulau Melaka.

In Arau, the Raja and Raja Perempuan of Perlis attended prayers at the State Mosque. They later received dignitaries at the Istana Arau.

In Johor Baru, the Tengku Mahkota Tengku Ibrahim attended prayers at the Pasir Pelangi mosque. Also present were Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and State Assembly Speaker Datuk Zinalabidin Mohamed Zin.

Some 700 cows were slaughtered in sacrifice throughout the State.

The Menteri Besar donated two cows for slaughter at his State constituency of Ledang in Muar.

In Malacca, the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabudin joined 7,000 people for Adiladha prayers at the Al-Azim mosque in Bukit Palah.

Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam attended prayers at the Bukit Katil Mosque near his house.

In Kota Kinabalu, Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai performed

prayers at the State mosque in Sembulan. Also present was his wife Toh Puan Siti Rukaiyah Datuk Panglima Abdullah.

In Kuantan, the Tengku Mahkota Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah accompanied by Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob attended Hari Raya prayers.

In Ipoh, Sultan of Perak, Sultan Azlan Shah, accompanied by the Raja Muda, Raja Nazrin Shah, and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali, joined some 3,000 people for prayers.

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