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All set for Merdeka Month Celebration launch

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - All is set for the Merdeka Month Celebration, to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Dataran Merdeka tomorrow night.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir, who inspected the venue today, said although the main celebrations would be in Dataran Merdeka, he hoped every state would join in the festivities.

"I wish to see all parties hold activities," he said.

He said he was disappointed with the lack of Merdeka spirit, as many buildings were not decorated with the national flag or lights.

"I hope from tomorrow, all buildings will be lit up, especially in the capital. If we don't, how do we expect towns and villages to follow suit?" he said.

He said it was embarrassing to note that only a few cars were flying the Jalur Gemilang.

"We are Malaysians. We should find ways to give thanks to God for our country.

"It doesn't matter which political party we belong to. We are all Malaysians," he said.