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Warriors Day  
PM LAYS WREATH IN CONJUNCTION WITH WARRIORS DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad laid a wreath at the National Monument here in conjunction with Warriors Day today.

He earlier inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by 103 officers and men of the Royal Malay Regiment led by Mej Abu Samah Mohamed Nor.

The ceremony began with the "Last Post" and a poem, "Pahlawan" (Warriors), by Mej (R) Mohamed Awang who wrote it himself.

Dr Mahathir led the wreath-laying, followed by Defence Forces Chief Tan Sri Mohamed Zahidi Zainuddin and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai.

Army Chief Jen Tan Sri Mohamed Hashim Hussein, Navy Chief Laksamana Tan Sri Abu Bakar Abdul Jamal, Air Force Chief Jen Datuk Seri Suleiman Mahmud, Malaysian Ex-Servicemen's Association president Datuk Mohamad Abdul Ghani and Ex-Policemen's Association president Senator Datuk Mansor H.M. Jaafar also laid their wreaths at the ceremony.

Present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Cabinet ministers.

In IPOH, the Raja Muda of Perak, Raja Nazrin Shah attended the state-level 42nd Warriors Day celebration at the grounds of the Perak Darul Ridzuan building.

A total of 527 members of the police force, the Fire and Rescue Department, the General Operations Force, the army, air force, navy, Rela, Civil Defence Department, Malaysian Red Crescent Society, scouts, girl guides and schoolchildren participated in a parade led by Mej Faridon Saat of the Royal Malay Regiment.

Present were Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Tajol Rosli Ghazali, State Secretary Datuk Isahak Yeop Mohamad Shar, state executive councillors and government officials.

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