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Aidiladha-Roundup

PRAYERS, SACRIFICES MARK NATIONWIDE AIDILADHA CELEBRATIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- Prayers were held in mosques, surau and madrasah nationwide today on the occasion of Aidiladha.

In conjunction with the Hari Raya Korban, animals were slaughtered in sacrifice in the compound of mosques and surau and their meat was distributed among the poor and needy.

In KUALA LUMPUR, soon after the prayers which began at 8.30am, animals which included imported camels, goats, cows and buffaloes were slaughtered in sacrifice and their meat distributed among the people.

In PERLIS, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Abdul Rashid joined thousands of people at Aidiladha prayers at the State Mosque in Arau.

Their Majesties were accompanied by the Regent of Perlis Tuanku Syed Faizuddin ibni Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail and the Raja Puan Muda of Perlis Tuanku Lailatul Shahreen Akashah.

Their Majesties then visited the nearby Royal Mausoleum after which they received dignitaries and the rest of the people at their open house at Istana Arau from 9.30am till 11am.

In KEPALA BATAS, Penang, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi joined more than 3,000 people for Hari Raya Aidiladha prayers at the Jamiul Badawi Mosque.

He then joined in a tahlil before going over to the nearby home of the mosque's Imam Datuk Abdul Rahim Abu Bakar.

Abdullah then witnessed the slaughtering of 12 cows in sacrifice at Permatang Bertam. He donated eight of the cows.

The Deputy Prime Minister then went to the Masjid Penaga to witness a similar sacrificial ceremony and then attended a "kenduri korban" at the Pantai Kamloon Mosque.

Abdullah donated five cows to the Penaga area and another five to the Pantai Kamloon folks.

In KUALA TERENGGANU, the Sultan of Terengganu Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin who is also the Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong, joined more than 2,000 people for Hari Raya Aidiladha prayers at Masjid Ladang.

Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Sri Abdul Hadi Awang was also present.

After the prayers, the Sultan accompanied by Abdul Hadi visited the Royal Mausoleum nearby.

In KUCHING, Sarawak Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin and Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud attended Aidiladha prayers at Masjid Jamek, Petra Jaya, along with thousands of faithful.

Animals were slaughtered in sacrifice in nearly all mosques, surau, kampungs and the premises of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) in Sarawak.

In NEGERI SEMBILAN, the Yang di-Pertuan Besar Tuanku Ja'afar and Tuanku Ampuan Najihah attended Aidiladha prayers at Masjid DiRaja Tuanku Munawir, Seri Menanti.

They attended a tahlil at the Royal Mausoleum in Seri Menanti before holding open house at Istana Besar, Seri Menanti.

Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad hosted an open house at Kampung Baru SiRusa, Port Dickson, from 10am.

In LANGKAWI, the Raja Muda of Kedah was among 1,000 people who attended Aidiladha prayers at the Masjid A'Ishah Sungai Menghulu.

After the prayers he exchanged greetings and donated two cows for sacrificial slaughtering at the Masjid Lubuk Chempedak, Kuah.

In KUANTAN, Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah of Pahang joined Muslims for Aidiladah prayers at the Sultan Ahmad 1 Mosque.

Also present were Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob and Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

After the prayers, Tan Sri Khalil, who is the Member of Parliament for Kuantan donated three cows to the Kampung Jawa Surau. He joined in the ceremony to slaughter the three cows in sacrifice.

In IPOH, the Raja Muda of Perak, Raja Nazrin Shah Sultan Azlan Shah was among 2,000 people at Hari Raya Korban prayers at the State Mosque.

Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali was also present.

In JOHOR, Sultan Iskandar of Johor attended Aidiladha prayers at Masjid Pasir Pelangi in Johor Baharu. He was accompanied by the Tunku Mahkota of Johor, Tunku Ibrahim Ismail and other members of the royal household.

In ALOR SETAR, the Sultan of Kedah and the Sultanah attended the prayers at Masjid Zahir together with thousands of people.

The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also the Member of Parliament for Kubang Pasu donated four cows to four mosques in Kedah.

The mosques are in Kampung Titi Gajah, Kampung Tanjung in Tunjang, Kepala Batas (Kedah) and Kampung Paya Kechut in Pendang.

Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali are now overseas.

In SHAH ALAM, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah of Selangor attended Hari Raya Aidiladha prayers with some 10,000 people at the Masjid Sultan Salahuddin Abdu Aziz Shah.

The Sultan of Selangor donated 20 head of cows for offering as sacrifice and for the meat to be distributed among the poor.

In KOTA BAHARU, the Sultan and Raja Perempuan of Kelantan prayed at the Masjid Muhammadi. Also present at the mosque was Kelantan Umno Chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said his prayers at the Masjid Pulau Melaka near his house.

The slaughter of two camels in sacrifice at the Masjid Selehor, Kok Keli in Tumpat attracted the attention of many Muslims as the animal, popular in the Arab nations, was seldom offered as sacrifice in this state.

Fifteen head of cows were also slaughtered in the sacrificial ceremony presided over by the Prime Minister's Political Secretary Datuk Dasuki Ahmad.

In KOTA KINABALU, more than 7,000 Muslims attended Hari Raya Aidiladha prayers at the State Mosque in Sembulan near here while many more joined in the prayers at the Masjid Bandaraya in Likas.

Sabah Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai is now performing the Haj in Saudi Arabia.

Also in Saudi Arabia for the pilgrimage are Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Lajim Ukin, Sabah Finance Minister Datuk Musa Aman, Local Government and Housing Minister Datuk Salleh Tun Said and Rural Development and Entrepreneurial Minister Datuk Nasir Tun Sakaran.

Animals will be offered in sacrifice at the State Mosque tomorrow.

In MELAKA, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam attended the prayers at the Masjid Al-Azim, Bukit Palah.

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