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Maulud-Roundup

KING LEADS NATIONWIDE MAULIDUR RASUL CELEBRATIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 25 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail today launched nationwide celebrations to mark the birthday of Nabi Muhammad SAW at the Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil near here.

The Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi were among the thousands of Muslims present at the function.

The celebrations began with a procession from the National Hockey Stadium car park near Stadium Putra in which government servants and staff of statutory bodies and the private sector as well as school children took part.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin presented the "Anugerah Maulidur Rasul" to eight people including two non-Muslims.

The celebration with the theme "Together We Cherish the Beauty of Islam" were carried live by RTM.

In SEREMBAN, the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Ja'afar ibni almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman, the Undangs of Jelebu, Johol, Rembau and Sungai Ujong as well as the Tunku Besar of Tampin, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad led a procession of more than 10,000 people from the Seremban Municipal Council Padang.

In his address, Tuanku Ja'afar urged Muslims to mark this historic day by practising the teachings of Islam.

He said Muslims should stick closely to the teachings of Islam and also increase their knowledge in other fields to face present and future challenges.

In KUANTAN, the celebrations were led by Sultan Ahmad Shah of Pahang at the Sultan Ahmad Shah Silver Jubilee Hall.

The Sultan said problems facing Muslims at present could be resolved if they held firmly to the Islamic brotherhood.

In MELAKA, nearly 9,000 Muslims took part in the celebrations launched by Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabudin at Stadium Hang Tuah.

Syed Ahmad and Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Ali Rustam then took part in a three-kilometre procession which ended at the State Mosque.

In KOTA KINABALU, Sabah Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Haji Sakaran bin Dandai said Muslims should be thankful to Allah for the peace and wellbeing in Malaysia at present.

He said the peace in this country was in marked contrast to the situation in other countries which had yet to attain the peace they longed for.

"We should be thankful that the peace and prosperity in this country has enabled us to carry out our religious obligations," Tun Haji Sakaran said when launching the Sabah-level celebrations at Dewan Saadah, Wisma Muis, here.

In KUALA TERENGGANU, Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin of Terengganu and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang were present at the state level Maulidur Rasul celebrations at Stadium Negeri.

Addressing the faithful, the Sultan urged those who had strayed to return to the correct teachings of Islam by emulating the life and struggle of the Nabi Muhammad.

In JOHOR BAHRU, the Tengku Mahkota of Johor launched the celebrations

at Masjid Sultan Abu Bakar. The celebrations which included readings from the Holy Quran were attended by about 10,000 people.

The Tengku Mahkota advised Muslims to preserve unity among them so that their religion would not be disturbed by anyone.

In ALOR SETAR, the celebrations began last night with a procession in which 33 contingents representing Federal and state departments, voluntary organisations and the private sector took part.

The celebration began last night at Masjid Zahir and was attended by the Sultan of Kedah, the Raja Muda and state executive councillors.

The Sultan urged Muslims to emulate the examples set by the Prophet and practise these virtues in their daily lives.

"In practising the teachings of the Prophet, Muslims should be consistent and not be seasonal or complacent," he added.

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