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Jalur-Gemilang

GOVT APPOINTS 11 JALUR GEMILANG SUPPLIERS

JOHOR BAHRU, July 16 (Bernama) -- The government has appointed 11 companies to supply national flags nation-wide to prevent unscrupulous parties from cheating the public in the run-up to the Merdeka Day on Aug 31.

Jalur Gemilang Flag Flying Campaign Committee Chairman Dr Tiki Lafe said today that the Treasury was considering a reasonable price for the flags.

He said by appointing suppliers the government hoped to secure high quality and reasonably-priced Jalur Gemilang in the market.

"A Jalur Gemilang for the car will not likely exceed RM3 a piece," he said after a visit to the Johor Social Welfare Department.

Dr Tiki, who is also Deputy Minister of National Unity and Social Development, said the Jalur Gemilang Flag Flying campaign this year would be officiated on Aug 17 in Melaka by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Tiki hoped more private and corporate sector companies would sponsor the Jalur Gemilang flags to add festivity to the national day celebrations.

"The companies sponsoring Jalur Gemilang flags will get tax rebates if they get an endorsement from the State Executive Councils," he said.

He also urged the local authorities to ensure that all premises in housing estates nation-wide fly the Jalur Gemilang.

Dr Tiki admitted that the response to the Jalur Gemilang Flying campaign last year was not good in urban areas as compared to the rural areas.

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