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Merdeka-Prayers

KING, PM, DPM ATTEND FRIDAY PRAYERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today attended Friday prayers at the National Mosque.

They joined some 5,000 Muslims in offering prayers to Allah for Malaysia's wellbeing and unity of the people of various races.

The prayers were led by the Grand Imam of the National Mosque Sahibul Sahima Wan Halim Wan Harun who also read out a special khutbah on the occasion of the 46th National Day on Sunday.

Several Muslim Cabinet Ministers including Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishamuddin Tun Hussein, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin and Rural Development Minister Datuk Azmi Khalid were also present.

In his special khutbah Sahibul Sahimah Wan Halim said Islam and independence moved together in strengthening unity and harmony and ensuring the wellbeing of the people.

He said Islam guaranteed the wellbeing of the Ummah in this world and the hereafter.

He urged Muslims to overcome social problems jointly through the process of education beginning in the home.

"We should realise that the success of a nation depends on the wellbeing of the families that lived there," he added.

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