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SPECIAL MERDEKA KHUTBAH ON AUG 29 AT NATIONAL MOSQUE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- A special "Merdeka Khutbah" will be read out in the National Mosque on Aug 29 in conjunction with the National Day celebrations, Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir said today.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail will join Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and other dignitaries for Friday prayers on Aug 29 at the mosque.

Abdul Kadir told reporters that at state level similar khutbahs would be read out in the state mosques during the Friday prayers to be attended by the Sultans, Yang Dipertuas Negeri and Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers.

Meanwhile the Sunday Mass on Aug 31 in all Roman Catholic Churches would be offered in thanksgiving for the country's peace and prosperity.

The National Anthem would also be sung, a spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur Murphy Pakiam said.

Works Minister and MIC President Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu would attend National Day thanksgiving prayers on Aug 29 at Sri Sundraraja Perumal Temple in Klang.

Abdul Kadir said thanksgiving prayers offered to God by the various religious communities in Malaysia augured well for the future peace and prosperity of the country.

A representative of the KL Evangelical Fellowship Lai Moo Him said a thanksgiving ceremony would be held at the Menara PGRM on Aug 29 and was expected to be attended by some 3,000 people.

The Honorary Secretary of the Gurudwara Council of Malaysia Sardarji Tejwant Singh said thanksgiving prayers would also be held in all gurudwaras for the peace and prosperity God had bestowed on this country.

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