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Maulud-Roundup

TUANKU SYED SIRAJUDDIN HEADS MAULIDUR RASUL CELEBRATIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail today launched the national level Maulidur Rasul celebrations, themed "Bersama Hayati Keindahan Islam" at Stadium Putra, Bukit Jalil, here.

Some 10,000 people representing ministries, government agencies, institutions of higher learning and private sector bodies took part in the celebrations.

Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid, the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife Datin Seri Endon Mahmood were also present.

The celebrations began with a procession and "baccan salawat" from the National Hockey Stadium car park near Stadium Putrajaya. A pantomime and nasyid presentation were also held.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin presented the "Anugerah Tokoh Maulidur Rasul 1424H" to nine people including liver donor Muhammad Nasir Zakaria, prison and police officials, a nurse and also four non-Muslims.

In JOHOR BAHRU, the Tunku Mahkota of Johor Tunku Ibrahim Ismail Sultan Iskandar urged Muslims to be united so that they would not be exploited by the enemies of Islam.

"Nowadays there are Muslims who seek help from non-Muslims who are in fact our enemies who wish to destroy our religion," the Tunku Mahkota said.

All this was because Muslims were not united, he said when representing his father, Sultan Iskander Al-Haj at the Maulidur Rasul celebrations at the Masjid Sultan Abu Bakar.

In SEREMBAN, the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Ja'afar reminded Muslims to remain united and enhance their skills and knowledge to face challenges.

The Tuanku Ampuan of Negeri Sembilan, Tuanku Najihah, was also present at the celebrations at the Seremban Municipal Council Padang.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad was among the 5,000 people who took part in the celebrations.

In PENANG, the Yang DiPertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas said Muslims could only achieve progress if they emulated the Rasulullah SAW in their daily lives.

Launching the Penang-level Maulidur Rasul celebrations at Sekolah Menengah Teknik in Bukit Minyak, Tun Abdul Rahman said emulating the Rasulullah would help create a knowledgeable and disciplined generation giving priority to Islam rather their own selves.

At the function Tun Abdul Rahman presented the Tokoh Maulidur Rasul Award to the Imam of Masjid Al Huda, Nibong Tebal, Haji Mat Tahir Ayub, 67. The award comprised RM2,500 cash, a trophy and a certificate.

In KUALA TERENGGANU, inclement weather conditions did not prevent more than 3,000 Muslims from attending the state level Maulidur Rasul celebrations at Stadium Negeri.

The celebrations which began at 8.30am included nasyid and marhaban presentations and religious talks.

Terengganu State Executive Councillor for Education, Dakwah and Syariah Implementation Datuk Harun Taib launched the celebrations on behalf of Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang who is now overseas.

In KUCHING, Sarawak Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin

Abang Barieng and Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud joined about 7,000 Muslims in the Maulidur Rasul assembly and procession at Padang Merdeka.

Heavy rain did not dampen the celebrations which began at 7.30am.

The celebrations included hadrah and zikir competitions. A premier forum and a gotong royong competition.

Addressing the gathering Abdul Taib advised Muslims to master scientific knowledge saying that it was a jihad.

In KOTA KINABALU, Sabah Yang Dipertua Negeri, Tun Ahmadshah Abdullah urged Muslims to be united and to live in harmony with people of other religions in the country.

Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman advised Muslims to emulate the Rasulullah s.a.w.

In KUANTAN, Sultan Ahmad Shah of Pahang, the Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdullah and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob joined about 2,000 people at the state level Maulidur Rasul celebrations at the Dewan Jubli Perak Sultan Ahmad Shah.

The Sultan urged Muslims to strive for knowledge so as to compete during the present era of development and progress in the world.

He also launched the "Program Masjid Gemilang Pahang" which is aimed at creating awareness and moulding the people's thinking towards the important role of the institution of the mosque.

In MELAKA, the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabudin led a procession of 11,000 Muslims along a 3.8KM route from Stadium Hang Tuah to Masjid Al-Azim in Bukit Palah.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam urged Muslims to emulate the qualities of the Nabi Muhammad SAW.

He said the Rasulullah SAW had created an Islamic civilisation which was far different from the civilisation founded by the West.

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