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Endon: Sacrifice of security personnel 'priceless'

PUTRAJAYA, Sat. - The good deeds and sacrifices by security personnel are "priceless", Datuk Seri Endon Mahmood said.

"They are willing to sacrifice their precious time with their children, wife and family to fulfil their duty to the nation. They are unselfish in helping to keep the nation peaceful," the Prime Minister's wife said.

Endon was speaking after pre-senting Hari Raya food packages prepared by the Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) for security personnel to Armed Forces chief Tan Sri Mohd Zahidi Zainuddin and Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Mohd Bakri Omar at Seri Perdana today.

Endon, who is Bakti president, praised former Bakti president and wife of former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali for her efforts.

"This annual tradition of donating food packages to army and police personnel was Dr Siti Hasmah's initiative.

"It is a way of showing the nation's appreciation to these personnel."

Endon promised to keep up the tradition.

Also present was Bakti honorary secretary Datuk Rosmah Mansor, who is also the wife of Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Zahidi said such gifts lessened the pain of being away from home, especially during Hari Raya.

Bakri Omar said the gifts could help uplift the spirit of policemen as the men would feel their services were appreciated.

A total of 19,500 packages, comprising instant ketupat, peanut sauce, rendang and beef serunding, will be distributed to army and police units in the country and overseas.