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Umno gets ready for celebration

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Preparations are in full swing for Umno's 57th anniversary celebration at Merdeka Stadium on Sunday night.

Umno executive secretary Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said the celebration would be a grand affair with a few surprises in store.

"The event will be very meaningful as it is the last one during the tenure of party president (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad)."

Tengku Adnan, who is also Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, and party secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob were present at a rehearsal tonight.

He said Dr Mahathir would deliver a keynote address at the event, which is expected to see about 40,000 Umno members and supporters turning up.

"The event will start at 6.30pm and the flag-raising ceremony will be held at 8.30pm. After delivering his keynote address, Dr Mahathir and the other Umno leaders will officiate at a pulut kuning cutting ceremony.

"There will also be an aerial show by parachuters bringing down a huge picture of the Umno president and party flag, as well as a firework display," Tengku Adnan said.