

Hari Raya celebrations in Lebanon



Hari Raya gathering at MALBATT Camp, Marakah, south Lebanon, 7 July 2016

The Embassy celebrated Hari Raya with the Malaysian peacekeepers in southern Lebanon (MALBATT 850-3) on 7 July 2016. The celebration was held at MALBATT Camp in Marakah, south Lebanon and hosted by MALBATT 850-3 Commanding Officer, Colonel Reizal Arif Tan Sri Ismail.

Guest were treated with a variety of Malaysian delicacies including *ketupat*, *lemang*, *rendang*, *satay*, *dodol*, *laksa* and *mee sup* at

various Gerai Malaysia. They were also entertained with lively musical renditions by the very talented Anak-Seni team from MALBATT.

MALBATT created the Malaysian ambience, making the occasion extra special and memorable as everyone felt as if they were back home celebrating Hari Raya.

Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) Alumni Gathering



Ambassador addressing the Lebanese MTCP alumni, *Rumah Malaysia*, 1 August 2016

The Malaysian Embassy organised a gathering of the Lebanese MTCP alumni on 1 August 2016. The event was held at the Official Residence of the Malaysian Ambassador to Lebanon.

About 45 Lebanese government officials from various departments and agencies that had availed the MTCP programme in recent years attended the event.



The Lebanese MTCP alumni in discussion while enjoying the sumptuous Malaysian food

Members of the alumni renewed their pledge to assist the Embassy in promoting Malaysia as a premier tourist destination amongst Lebanese citizens. As public servants, they also agreed to help strengthen Malaysia-Lebanon relation.

National Day celebration in Lebanon



National Day celebrations at MALBATT Camp in Marakah, southern Lebanon, 31 August 2016

The Embassy celebrated the National Day on 31 August 2016 in southern Lebanon. The celebrations were held at MALBATT Camp in Marakah. Ambassadors and representatives from the embassies of Australia, Bangladesh, China, Denmark, Greece, the Philippines and South Korea attended the event. Members of the MTCP Alumni and other guests of the Malaysian Embassy were also in attendance.



Ambassador presenting the United Nations' medal to the Malaysian peacekeepers



Fellow Malaysians and guests celebrating the Malaysian National Day

The celebrations included presentation of medals to MALBATT peacekeepers, a military parade and cultural performances. Guests were also treated with Malaysian delicacies.

Working Visit by YB Dato' Sri Mohd. Johari Baharum, Deputy Minister of Defence to Lebanon



Ambassador introducing YB Dato' Sri Mohd. Johari Baharum to some fellow Malaysians residing in Lebanon, *Rumah Malaysia*, Beirut, 14 September 2016

YB Dato' Sri Mohd. Johari Baharum, Deputy Minister of Defence, visited MALBATT peacekeepers in southern Lebanon on 7 – 14 September 2016. He also held discussions with General Jean Khawaji, Lebanon's Chief of Army on 14 September at the Ministry of Defence.



YB Dato' Sri Mohd. Johari Baharum with fellow Malaysians and guests



YB Dato' Sri Mohd. Johari Baharum meeting with General Jean Kahwagi at the Ministry of Defence, 14 September 2016

The Malaysian Embassy hosted a get-together of the Malaysian community with the visiting Deputy Minister on 14 September 2016. Some 70 people attended the event, comprising Malaysian expatriates and students as well as MALBATT officials. Several *friends of Malaysia* were also in attendance, including the Malaysian Honorary

Consul in Damascus Datuk Samir Al-Kour and Mr. Hani El-Yamak, Proton agent in Lebanon.



YB Dato' Sri Mohd. Johari Baharum having a discussion with Malaysian students in Lebanon

International Charity Bazaar 2016



The many visitors at the Bazaar, 4 December 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia in Lebanon, in collaboration with the Diplomatic Spouses' Association of Lebanon (DSAL) and the Phoenicia Hotel, organised the 2016 DSAL International Charity Bazaar on 4 December 2016 at the Grand Ballroom of the Phoenicia Hotel in Beirut.

The event was a great success. Some 39 diplomatic missions participated in the event together with some local artisans. The Bazaar attracted a good number of visitors – foreigners and Lebanese alike – with a steady flow throughout the day. Visitors were entertained with dances and performances by several embassies, including Malaysia, throughout the day. All proceeds were distributed to charity in Lebanon.

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The ladies of the Embassy doing the *joget*

The Embassy took the opportunity to promote Malaysia and its rich culture at the event. In addition to taking up a booth, ladies of the Malaysian Embassy performed a *joget* dance. Mr. Melvin Cheah of the Embassy also attracted crowd participation with an interactive dance. The Embassy sold home-cooked Malaysian delicacies and self-made handicrafts and gifts. Tourism books and pamphlets were also distributed to the visitors.



Melvin with the “Pen-Pineapple-Apple-Pen” interactive dance

Mrs. Gouri Balachandran, spouse of the Malaysian Ambassador helms the DSAL as its President since 2015. The DSAL is an association comprised of the spouses of diplomats accredited to Lebanon. Its primary objective is to promote social and cultural understanding between members of the diplomatic corps and the Lebanese community. The Association also extends assistance and support to various charitable organisations in Lebanon.



Steady flow of visitors at the Bazaar



Ambassador, Mrs. Gouri and staff of Embassy together with some family members