

Merdeka is for all M'sians, not for one party
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I refer to the newly launched Merdeka theme "promises fulfilled" launched over the weekend.

An independence day celebration is a day to appreciate the progress of our beloved nation and along with the ups and downs that we have undergone ever since 1957.

This day is to be celebrated and cherished by each and every Malaysia across the political and race divide.

Having a political party's theme as the independence day theme does not do it justice.

[Premier Najib Abdul Razak has been on the election trail on the 'Jelajah Janti Ditepati' (Promises Fulfilled Tour) in recent weeks.]

I don't think we want to see only a portion of Malaysians celebrating it. This is not the anniversary of the existence of a political party but of a nation, do not mix it with politics.

Keep those political party themes for your party events and campaign, leave independence day alone.

All previous themes from 'Muhibah dan Perpaduan', 'Bersatu Maju, 'Bersatu Menuju Wawasan' until 'Perpaduan Teras Kejayaan' helped reignite the patriotism within each one of us.

Political themes will not remind us of our independence struggle and to some might, even ignite hatred.

I sincerely request that national day themes current and in future, to be for all Malaysians and not for a political party.