

## **National Day 2023 embodies Malaysia Madani concept**

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The upcoming National Day to be celebrated in Putrajaya on Aug 31 will embody the essence of the Malaysia Madani concept.

This will include diverse elements such as dance and music presentations, acrobatics by the security forces and an impressive contingents' parade.

Culture and Arts Department's Cultural Arts Development Division director Rosnan Nordin said one of the interpretations involves highlighting the Malaysia Madani contingent during the parade.

It comprises a fusion of 1,000 participants representing diverse ethnicities from Sabah, Sarawak, and Peninsular Malaysia.

There is also an economic contingent involving industry players such as government-linked companies, government-linked investment companies, telecommunications and banking companies.

It reflects how the nation's security and harmony lead to fruitful investment results, he added.

"This is followed by a parade featuring military, police, and ministries' assets utilising new technologies such as electric vehicles.

"This serves as a symbolic representation that security and peace bring progress to Malaysia," Rosnan told Bernama.

In line with the theme 'Malaysia Madani: Tekad Perpaduan Penuhi Harapan' (Determination in Unity, Fulfilling Hope), 1,500 school students will sing the theme song, while performing swift movements and various flag-waving displays.

### **Showcase richness**

To showcase the richness of Malaysian arts and culture, some 1,000 dancers will perform to the rhythm of the song 'Kurik Kundi', popularised by the nation's number one singer, Siti Nurhaliza Tarudin, Rosnan added.

"Enhanced by the rhythmic drumbeats played by 400 drummers of diverse ethnic origins, this song will be sung in alternating parts by a group of artists.

“Nadeera Zaini will represent the Malay community in Peninsular Malaysia, Suki Low (representing the Chinese community), Zizi Kirana (Sabah), and Roshini Balachandran (Indian).

“This arrangement serves as a representation of unity among the people,” he said.

National Day attendees will also witness a skydiving performance by six VAT69 police commandos with the Jalur Gemilang. They will land in front of the Palace of Justice Complex in Putrajaya within six minutes.

“The public can look forward to a spectacular aerial display featuring security forces helicopters and acrobatic stunts of 15 vintage motorcycles called 'Wira Merah' by the armed forces.

“All these performances are hoped to deliver a 'wow factor' to the visitors,” Rosnan said.

More than 19,000 participants are involved in the National Day 2023 parade and procession. To ensure the comfort of the expected 100,000 visitors, the logistics team is working to provide multi-level seating facilities, he added.

Putrajaya has been selected as the hosting location for the fifth time, after its

initial selection in 2003, and subsequently in 2005, 2018, and 2019.

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