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Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim in a car similar to the one used by Tunku Abdul Rahman in 1957. The car, bought in the US for RM171,000, will be used in the launching of the 50th Merdeka celebration at Dataran Pahlawan in Malacca on Friday.

## Merdeka re-enactment in Malacca on Friday

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**SEPANG:** The historic moment of Tunku Abdul Rahman proclaiming Malaya's independence in Malacca after his return from England will be brought alive on Friday.

This time, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will be the one to take Tunku's role in re-enacting the scene.

Abdullah, expected to be accompanied by Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam and Culture, Arts and Heritage Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim in a car, will be at the Dataran Pahlawan in Malacca at the launching of the 50th Merdeka celebration and "Fly the Jalur Gemilang" campaign.

They will be in a Nash Rambler Custom Convertible 1951, the

same model used by the country's first prime minister and his entourage on their return from England after successfully negotiating for independence from the British on Feb 20, 1956.

According to Rais, the RM171,000 car was bought in Ohio, the United States, when the original car could not be found.

Only two cars of the same model are still available, the other one in Australia. The green car, which reached here yesterday, will be painted black and will bear the same registration number as the one used 51 years ago, M 4442.

Initially, the car company in Ohio didn't want to sell the car as it had been used in one of the Superman movies, said Rais.