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Praying for peace and stability

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PM, ministers join thousands at Dataran Merdeka for 'Doa untuk Malaysia' programme

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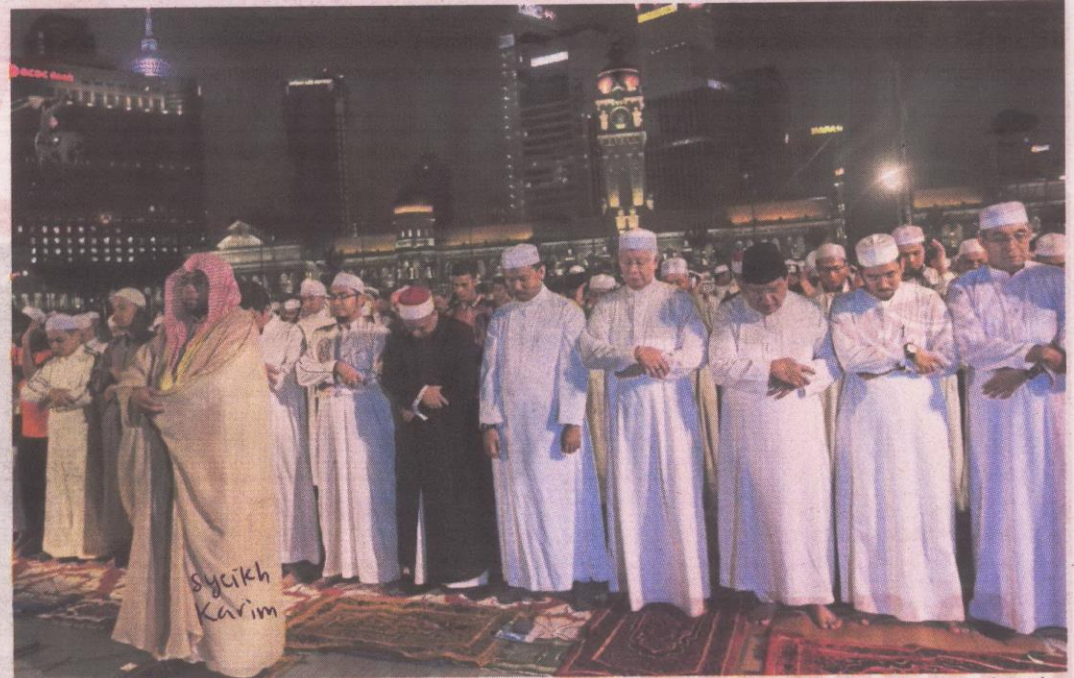
PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak joined thousands of Malaysian Muslims at Dataran Merdeka here last night to pray for the country's continued peace and stability.

Najib and several cabinet ministers were among those who gathered at the historic square for "Doa untuk Malaysia (Pray for Malaysia)", a spiritual programme that was part of the 58th Merdeka Day celebrations.

The programme was held for Malaysians to call for divine intervention in the wake of recent tragedies and disasters, such as the loss of Malaysia Airlines Flights MH370 and MH17, the floods that ravaged Pahang, Kelantan and Terengganu, and the earthquake in Sabah earlier this year.

Attendees also prayed for Malaysians to be saved from lies and rumours that could affect national security and damage ties between the country's different ethnic groups.

Similar events will be held around the city for Malaysian Hindus, Bud-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak (fourth from right) at the **Pray for Malaysia** event in conjunction with the 2015 National Day celebration at Dataran Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Pic by Ghazali Kori

dhists, Sikhs and Christians this Friday and Sunday.

Najib arrived at 8.30pm to join the Isyak congregation, led by Masjid Tuanku Zainal Abidin Putrajaya Imam Besar Hazarudin Baharudin.

This was followed with Quran recitals by Habib Syech Abdul Qadir Abdul Rahman As-Seqqaf and a talk by Federal Territories Mufti Datuk

Dr Zulkifli Mohamad Al-Bakri. The night also featured Islamic arts performances from musicians Datuk Hattan and Datuk Ramli Sarip.

Present were Najib's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak and Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku

Mansor. The event was organised by the Communications and Multimedia Ministry, the Special Affairs Department (Jasa), Yayasan Pendidikan Cheras, Kuala Lumpur City Hall and the police.

The Merdeka Day celebration is themed #sehatisejiwa to reflect the country's spirit of solidarity, understanding, togetherness and humanity.