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Nation's tribute to fallen heroes

> King, queen grace 48th Warriors' Day

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PUTRAJAYA: The country yesterday paid tribute to the warriors who sacrificed their lives for the nation during the 48th Warriors' Day celebration here.

The main celebration, held for the first time at Dataran Pahlawan Negara here, was graced by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah, who were greeted upon arrival by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak, his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Cabinet ministers and high-ranking government officials.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, Malaysian Armed Forces chief Tan Sri Zulkifeli Mohd Zin and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar.

A total of 28 officers and 775 personnel of other ranks took part in the parade which consisted of members of the the Malaysian Army, Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN), Royal Malaysia Police, Malaysian Armed Forces Veterans Association and Malaysian Ex-Police Association.

The Rouse (a bugle call) was then



Tuanku Abdul Halim and Tuanku Hajah Haminah at the Warriors' Day celebration yesterday. With them are Zahid, Najib, Rosmah and Zulkifeli.

sounded during which the Jalur Gemilang was lowered at the start of the event to honour and remember the country's security forces who were killed in defending the nation.

Guests at the event were entertained by a poem recital by Colonel Mohd Radzi Abdul Hamid titled "Pahlawanku".

It was followed by a pantomime performance of the "Battle at the East-West Highway, Grik, Perak", reliving the fight of

five Malaysian soldiers against communists in August 1977.

The Rouse was again sounded with the Jalur Gemilang then raised as a sign of encouragement and motivation to members of the police and armed forces who are still alive to continue defending the sovereignty and security of the country.

The ceremony ended with the shouts of "Daulat Tuanku" as a symbol of loyalty of the country's security forces and the rakyat

under the patronage of the king.

Meanwhile, in his latest posting in his blog www.najibrazak.com, Najib urged all Malaysians to set aside their political differences so as not to jeopardise peace in the country, Bernama reports.

"Let us send Al-Fatihah prayers and observe a minute of silence for the warriors who were killed in protecting the country's sovereignty. Thank you my warriors. Happy Warriors' Day."