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Najib satisfied with rehearsal, hopes celebration will be memorable

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said he was satisfied with the Merdeka Day rehearsal here yesterday, which saw 18,000 participants at Dataran Merdeka.

"I am satisfied with the rehearsal today (yesterday). It is meaningful to us as it delivers the message that we have achieved the 60th Merdeka Day.

"I hope the performances by everyone involved will be a memorable one."

Najib, who was present at the rehearsal, said the nation was geared up to celebrate the 60th Merdeka Day tomorrow with performances involving Malaysians of all backgrounds.

Also present was Multimedia and Communications Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak and ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Sharifah Zarah Syed Ahmad.

At the rehearsal, Najib shouted "Merdeka" seven times.

He called on Malaysians to appreciate the sacrifices made by the nation's leaders and individuals in developing and transforming the country.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak at the rehearsal in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIX

"We have gone through huge challenges throughout 60 years of independence.

"When we look at today's celebrations, we can see that what we have done is a great achievement.

"We should foster such achievements in our hearts and souls.

"As for the next generation, you are the generation that will lead the nation towards the National Transformation 2050."



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak inspecting the venue in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With him are Multimedia and Communications Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak and ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Sharifah Zarah Syed Ahmad (third from left).



The rehearsal at Dataran Merdeka yesterday.



Performers waving Jalur Gemilang at the rehearsal.