

PM: M'sians have more mature mindset now

MELAKA: Malaysians are now more mature in assessing situations and deciding for themselves when facing threats that can disrupt unity, says Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Although there are times when voices of dissent seek to disrupt the peace of the people by raising racial issues, Malaysians as a whole reject such narrow beliefs and hold to the principles of tolerance and respect.

"Understanding has been cultivated since independence, which has enabled us to achieve national agendas aimed at prospering the people and the nation.

"I hope this rally will further fuel our spirit and jointly redouble our efforts to make Malaysia a highly respected country," the Prime Minister said when launching the national-level National Month and Fly the Jalur Gemilang at Dataran Pahlawan here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said various initiatives had been put in place towards

a shared prosperity, and urged the people to give their full support to the Pakatan Harapan government to carry out the tasks.

He also said issues of understanding and racial integration would still be the government's key agenda.

"I called on all Malaysians to make this effort possible and to appreciate the theme of this year's National Day celebration, 'Sayangi Malaysiaku: Malaysia Bersih'.

"Today's success was the result of the sacrifices of the previous generations," he said, adding that the history of the past decades should serve as a guide in determining the direction of the country.

Earlier while attending a Semarak Merdeka town hall session, he said the introduction of khat or Jawi calligraphy as part of the Bahasa Melayu subject for Year Four pupils next year would go ahead, saying that those objecting were only a small segment of the society. — Bernama



Proud moment: Dr Mahathir looking on as the Jalur Gemilang is carried in by the 3rd regiment of the Royal Military Police during the launch of the national-level National Month and Fly The Jalur Gemilang celebrations at Dataran Pahlawan, Melaka. With him are Communications and Multimedia Minister Gobind Singh Deo (fourth from right) and Melaka Chief Minister Adly Zahari (sixth from right). — Bernama