

# NATIONAL UNITY ACTION PLAN LAUNCHED

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It aims to restore the original aspiration of unity as enshrined in Rukun Negara

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**T**HE National Unity Action Plan 2021-2030 is the government's effort to restore the original aspiration of unity as enshrined in the Rukun Negara.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the Rukun Negara, which was declared and adopted on Aug 31, 1970, is the essential document that outlines the way of life for Malaysians to forge greater unity among the multiracial and multireligious communities in the country.

"This is not a plan with mere words written on a piece of paper. It is an action plan which outlines a modus operandi based on five important thrusts," he said in his speech at the launch of the plan, here, yesterday.

Apart from preserving the constitutional monarchy and democratic system, Ismail Sabri said the other four thrusts of the plan were creating a community that embraces unity, empowering a fair and inclusive socio-economy, ensuring openness and tolerance towards different races, traditions and cultures, as well as building a progressive community through science, technology and innovation.

"The plan was formulated to suit and is based on the capability of the institutions at all levels, namely federal, state and grassroots.

"This will benefit the people in terms of education, economy, wel-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob waving to reporters at the launch of the National Unity Action Plan 2021-2030 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre yesterday. With him is National Unity Minister Datuk Halimah Mohamed Sadique (right).

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fare, socio-culture, science, technology and innovation.

"Therefore, I call upon the cooperation of all parties, including government agencies, the private sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to be the driver and implementation agency of the action plan and sit together as one big family," he said.

Cooperation from all parties, said Ismail Sabri, was also imperative, to not only create a more organised and inclusive livelihood, but also enhance the unity and harmony of the people irrespective of race and religion.

"This is what I hope for in deliberating unity when I launched 'Keluarga Malaysia' in Sarawak on Oct 23," he said referring to the launch of the Yayasan Keluarga Malaysia.

At the same event yesterday, Ismail Sabri also launched the KAMI@Keluarga Malaysia Unity

Plan 2021-2025.

KAMI, he said, was the acronym of *Karib* (Close), *Aksesibilitas* (Accessibility), *Majmuk* (Plurality) and *Inklusiviti* (Inclusivity) which are the four dimensions of the KAMI@Keluarga Malaysia Unity Plan 2021-2025.

"This is the most significant plan to achieve the national unity agenda.

"This plan was formulated based on a survey involving all layers of society focusing on cultural and religious diversity to

ward off any attempts to disrupt unity in the country.

"Such exposure is also significant so that communities from different ethnicities can learn to avoid touching on the sensitivities of other religions, as well as cultures.

"We aspire for prosperity in Keluarga Malaysia, which is the foundation of political stability, economy and society in the country.

"It is hoped that the National Unity Action Plan 2021-2030 and

KAMI@Keluarga Malaysia Unity Plan 2021-2025 can strengthen the unity which has long existed among the people in the country."

Also present was National Unity Minister Datuk Halimah Mohamed Sadique.

Earlier in her speech, Halimah said 57 programmes had been planned under the National Unity Action Plan 2021-2030.

"The success and outcome of the plan hinge on the cooperation of ministries, agencies, NGOs and the private sector."