

# PM launches unity plans

## Ismail Sabri: Efforts will benefit every level of society

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**PETALING JAYA:** The National Unity Action Plan (2021-30) will benefit the Malaysian Family through various programmes that will involve every level of society, says the Prime Minister.

Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said they comprised the education, economic, welfare, socio-culture, science, technology and innovation sectors.

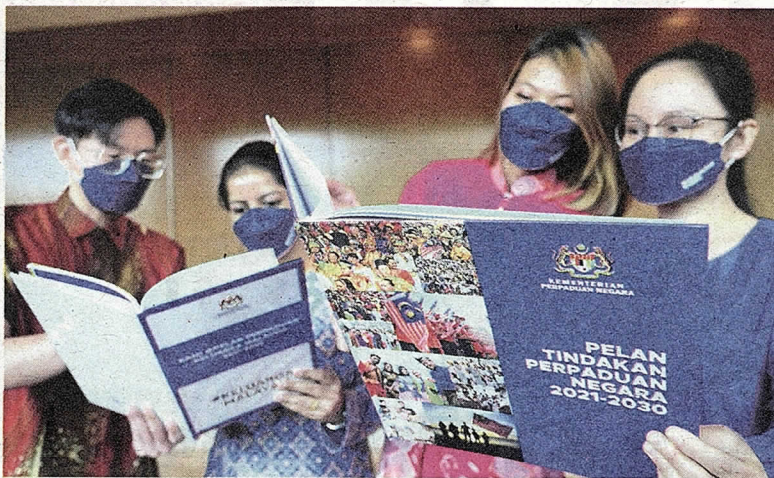
He said the action plan was an effort to reimpose the initial goal of uniting Malaysians as embedded in the five principles of Rukun Negara.

"The National Unity Ministry, led by its minister Datuk Halimah Mohamed Sadique, will be the driving force behind the Malaysian Family's efforts in understanding the wider definition of unity and inclusiveness with Rukun Negara as the core," he said.

A total of 57 programmes will be implemented under the plan to achieve five strategic cores, namely preserving the democratic constitutional monarchy, shaping a society that appreciates and practises unity, empowering a fair and just socio-economy, guaranteeing openness and tolerance towards religious and cultural differences, and building a progressive society through science, technology and innovation.

Ismail Sabri called on everyone, including government agencies and non-governmental organisations, to cooperate.

The Prime Minister also launched Kami@Pelan Perpaduan Keluarga Malaysia (2021-25), a comprehensive plan that aims to build national integration, at the event.



**For a harmonious future:** (From left) Malaysians Chee Wee Sen, A. Yogeswary, Eryssa Ardilla Azmi and Lilian Suiking reading copies of the National Unity Action Plan after its launch at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. — AZHAR MAHFOF/The Star

"It is the most significant plan for the ministry in efforts to lead the national unity agenda," he said.

Kami stands for karib (intimacy), aksesibiliti (accessibility), majmuk (diversity) and inklusiviti (inclusivity).

"This plan is built on research involving people of various backgrounds nationwide and focuses on cultural and religious diversity in order to ward off any effort that may tarnish national unity," Ismail Sabri said.

Meanwhile, Bernama quoted Halimah as saying that the National Unity Action Plan and Kami were formulated based on the views of the grassroots community and local community leaders.

"The success of this plan depends on cooperation among ministries and agencies, NGOs and the private

sector, which will also be involved in realising what we have planned," she said in her speech yesterday.

She said Kami, which outlined programmes and initiatives to be implemented by the National Unity Ministry within the five-year period, was formulated to foster the spirit of the Malaysian Family.

The plan, she added, would be based on the National Unity Action Plan to achieve the aspirations of a united, harmonious and prosperous Malaysian Family.

"With the formulation of the National Unity Action Plan and Kami@Pelan Perpaduan Keluarga Malaysia, the documents on the National Unity Policy, which is the umbrella for the implementation of plans to drive the national unity agenda, are now complete," she said.

She noted that the survival of the

community and country depended on the people maintaining social cohesion as a Malaysian Family.

"The spirit of the Malaysian Family serves as the backbone for our diversity and harmony, as well as the country's glory," she said.

On a separate note, Wisma Putra announced that Ismail Sabri would undertake his first official visit to Singapore today at the invitation of his Singapore counterpart Lee Hsien Loong.

The visit was also in conjunction with the commencement of the air and land Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) between Malaysia and Singapore. It said Ismail Sabri was scheduled to call on Singapore President Halimah Yacob and hold a meeting with Lee.

"The leaders will discuss Malaysia-Singapore bilateral cooperation, including new opportunities for effective recovery from the impacts of the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic.

"Both prime ministers will also be exchanging views on regional and international issues of mutual concern," it said in a statement.

Wisma Putra said the visit would be conducted in full compliance with the strict health and safety protocols put in place by the governments of Singapore and Malaysia.

It added that Ismail Sabri would be accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah, Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Hasni Mohammad and officials from relevant ministries and agencies.

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