

PM: FLY JALUR GEMILANG TO SHOW LOVE FOR NATION

Malaysians urged to embrace spirit of independence and demonstrate loyalty

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is calling on all Malaysians to fly the Jalur Gemilang in conjunction with the National Month to demonstrate their loyalty and love for the country, as well as to embrace the spirit of independence.

He urged the public to celebrate National Month and show that they are a generation that appreciates the struggles of the previous generations in attaining the nation's independence.

"I propose that from now until National Day on Aug 31 and subsequently Malaysia Day on Sept 16, we should proudly hoist the Jalur Gemilang on every vehicle, in every office, at our homes, or wherever, to show that Malaysia rises as a united nation, with aspirations and ideals to embrace the spirit of independence."

Anwar said this in a special video message for the National Day 2023 celebration, produced by Radio Televisyen Malaysia.

"Malaysia Madani: Tekad Perpaduan Penuhi Harapan" is the chosen theme for this year's National Day and Malaysia Day celebrations.

The National Day celebration will be held on Aug 31 at Dataran Putrajaya, while the Malaysia Day celebration on Sept 16 is slated to be held in Kuching.

Some 17,000 people will take part in this year's National Day parade in Putrajaya.

Communications and Digital Ministry senior undersecretary (management) Mazlan Abd Mutalib said the parade would comprise 10 components, namely nationhood, unity, Malaysia Madani, economy, banking, telecommunication, creative industry, community, national sports and national welfare and security.

"The preparation takes four months. We started in April after Hari Raya," he said when appearing as a guest on Bernama TV's *Apa Khabar Malaysia* programme.

Mazlan, who is the National Day celebration's working committee secretary, said 30 marching bands involving schools, departments and the armed forces would enliven this year's celebration.

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Mazlan said several artistes from different ethnicities would perform the *Kurik Kundi* song, popularised by Datuk Seri Siti Nurhaliza Tarudin, to symbolise unity.

Nadeera Zaini, who will represent the Malay community in Peninsular

Malaysia, Suki Low (Chinese community), Zizi Kirana (Sabahans) and Roshini Balachandran (Indian community) will also perform at the event.

They will be accompanied by 1,000 dancers and 400 drummers of various races.

Mazlan said visitors would witness a skydiving performance by six VAT 69 commandos, who will carry the Jalur Gemilang and land in front of the Palace of Justice. **Bernama**



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