

# Spreading fake news harmful to peace and harmony

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**IPOH:** Adopt and practise the concept of “Tabayyun” or checking the authenticity of any piece of information for the sake of the country’s peace and harmony, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said the practice is relevant to ensure that the dissemination of information, especially on social media, is carried out with prudence and integrity because in a world without borders, the sharing and dissemination of information takes a matter of seconds.

“Tabayyun” is the Arabic word for verification or validation of truthfulness.

“A borderless world has made sharing and spreading of information more quickly.

“What is right and wrong are mixed in the virtual world and sometimes it causes conflicts that can threaten the peace and harmony of our multiracial society.

“It is important to have the practice of checking and verifying (information) first before spreading it to others,” he added.

The Prime Minister’s speech text was read by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof during the launch of the

National Month and Fly Jalur Gemilang 2023 celebrations at the Sultan Azlan Shah Roundabout at Meru Raya here yesterday.

Anwar also said the “Tabayyun” concept would indirectly train the people to be careful in drawing conclusions.

“This practice is relevant to ensure the dissemination of information, especially on social media, can be done with full prudence and integrity.

“Let us all adopt this practice,” he added.

Following the launch, Fadillah, who is also Plantation and Commodities Minister, flagged off the Kembara Merdeka and Jalur Gemilang 2023 convoy that will travel

around the country in conjunction with the National Month celebration.

Earlier, Communications and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil flagged off about 5,000 participants for the 6,600 Langkah Perpaduan walk.

Among those present were Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Saarani Mohamad, Local Government Development Minister Nga Kor Ming and Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail.

The National Day celebration will take place in Putrajaya on Aug 31 while Malaysia Day celebrations on Sept 16 will be held in Kuching.