

'GOVT PAYS HEED TO MEDIA'S NEEDS'

PM's announcement may be about Media Council, media personnel's welfare, says Fahmi

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is expected to make several announcements for the media fraternity at the National Journalists' Day (Hawana) 2023 celebration in Ipoh today.

Communications and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil said Anwar would make the announcements during his keynote speech at Hawana.

"The announcement could be about a media council, and also the welfare of media personnel," he said at the launch of the logo and theme of National Day and Malaysia Day 2023 at Esplanade, KLCC Park yesterday.

He said the government had always deliberated on the direction of the media industry that had been experiencing various stress factors, including from technological development, which was changing the newspaper publishing landscape.

"Economic pressure and this (technological) development have an impact on the sustainability of the media industry, and not least, the welfare of media practitioners.

"All these aspects are of concern to the government."

On this year's National Day and



Communications and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil (third from right) at the launch of the logo and theme of National Day and Malaysia Day 2023 at Esplanade, KLCC Park, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday. With him are Deputy Minister Teo Nie Ching (third from left) and Secretary-General Datuk Mohamad Fauzi Md Isa (second from right). PIC BY AZIAH AZMEE

Malaysia Day celebrations, Fahmi said the unity government had selected the Malaysia Madani logo as the official emblem and launched the theme *Malaysia Madani, Tekad Perpaduan, Penuhi Harapan*.

The unveiling of the logo and theme also took place simulta-

neously at I-Borneo Hypermall in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, and Mydin Petra Jaya in Kuching, Sarawak, earlier yesterday.

"This year, Malaysia has reached 66 years of independence, liberating us from *penjajah* (colonial rule) and fostering peaceful coexistence among peo-

ple of diverse races and religions in our blessed land.

"Indeed, Malaysia's independence is for all people.

"It is crucial for people to grasp the true significance of independence for everyone," he said in his speech yesterday.

He also said the Merdeka

Month launching ceremony and Flying of the Jalur Gemilang flag 2023 would be held at Bulatan Sultan Azlan Shah in Ipoh, Perak, on July 15.

The National Day celebration will be held in Putrajaya on Aug 31 and Malaysia Day in Kuching, Sarawak on Sept 16.