

# HAVE DEEP LOVE FOR NATION, SAYS PM

**Anwar says Malaysia will be strong, progressive if people reject prejudice**

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has urged Malaysians to embrace the true spirit of this year's Malaysia Day with a deep love for the country, an attitude of kindness, caring and strengthening unity among the races.

Anwar expressed confidence that the country would be strong and able to leap forward if Malaysians were bold enough to reject prejudice, and foster understanding and love.

"Happy Malaysia Day to everyone! *Segulai sejalai*," he posted on Facebook yesterday.

Malaysia Day adopts the same theme as National Day, which is "Malaysia Madani: Tekad Perpaduan Penuhi Harapan" (Determination in Unity, Fulfilling Hope).

The Iban phrase *segulai sejalai* (together in unity) is used as the unity slogan.

The Malaysia Day celebration was held at the Unity Stadium in Kuching last night.

In a posting, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof called on Malaysians to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and solidarity of races to appreciate and celebrate the formation of Malaysia.

He said the strong spirit of brotherhood could strengthen integration with the true meaning of independence between the peninsula, Sabah and Sarawak.

He called on the people to remember the services and sacrifices of the first prime minister, the late Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, and leaders and figures of Sabah and Sarawak in making the formation of Malaysia a success.

"Tighten again the bonds of brotherhood and solidarity of the races.

"Stop the sentiment of 3R (royalty, religion and race), which is only a threat to unity.

"Cooperation and unity must be built by all races without suspicion and envy because the journey to achieving progress and prosperity cannot be done alone."

He said Malaysians must appreciate everything that the country had achieved through a

spirit of togetherness, because the strength and progress of the nation were the result of a common struggle.

He added that Malaysia Day should be a platform to integrate Sabah, Sarawak and the peninsula into a more viable development agenda for the survival of the nation.

"Let us all appreciate the meaning of Malaysia Day so that future generations can have a better Malaysia."

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi called on Malaysians to appreciate the meaning of the Malaysia Day celebration.

"Although we are born with diverse and different (backgrounds), that doesn't mean it should be a hindrance to us to maintain the harmony in our extended family.

"Enliven this year's Malaysia Day celebration as proof of our love for the country in line with the theme, #MalaysiaMADANI: Tekad Perpaduan Penuhi Harapan," he wrote on Facebook.

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*Page 1 pic: People wearing traditional clothing at the Keretapi Sarong programme at the Ipoh railway station yesterday.*