

Heartfelt pledge:
Attendees reciting the Rukun Negara during the launch of National Day and Malaysia Day campaign in Cyberjaya.
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'Let the Jalur Gemilang soar'

Anwar calls on Malaysian pride and highlights unity

CYBERJAYA: Fly the Jalur Gemilang at your homes and offices to boost the spirit of independence, the Prime Minister has urged Malaysians.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he hopes everyone will support this mission in line with this year's National Day and Malaysia Day campaign themed "Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka".

"This is not about race, party, status, or occupation; it's about identity, dignity, and pride. When a country gains independence, its flag is flown widely across the nation, displayed at every stall, house, school, mosque, temple, church and every department.

"So make sure we turn this year into one that showcases the pride of our people and our country,"

he said when launching the National Month and Fly the Jalur Gemilang 2024 campaign here yesterday, Bernama reported

Also present were Cabinet and Komuniti Madani members.

To ensure the success of this mission, Anwar said that monitoring will be conducted at all levels, including departmental by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali, ministers in their respective ministries, Komuniti Madani, state governments, and religious and community leaders across Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

At the same time, he also expressed hope that the private sector would join the government in making the mission to fly the Jalur Gemilang for the campaign

a success.

"Their job is to do business and make profit. I wish to remind them that if the country is not peaceful, the country does not profit. Without the sacrifices of the police, the military and security forces at the borders, there would be no new investments.

"So, show your support by standing with the people and the country, and fly the Jalur Gemilang," he added.

Additionally, the Prime Minister urged the people to reflect on the history of the struggles of past leaders and citizens who were united and willing to sacrifice everything they had to achieve the nation's independence.

For this purpose, Anwar emphasised that the people must

always nurture unity and maintain harmony as it is the main pillar of Malaysia's wellbeing.

"This is why the theme 'Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka' is stressed. If our spirit and enthusiasm are not nurtured, they will fade. What guarantees the greatness of Malaysia's identity is our spirit," he said.

The government, he added, continuously intensifies various unity programmes while reminding the people that the country could not have achieved independence without the strength and unity of all parties.

The 67th National Day celebration on Aug 31 will be held in Putrajaya while the Malaysia Day celebration will take place in Sabah on Sept 16.