

Anwar to deliver National Day Perdana Address

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is set to deliver the 2024 National Day Perdana Address today in conjunction with the 67th National Day celebration.

The event, scheduled to take place at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre, is expected to see 7,350 attendees, including civil servants, educators, student council representatives, police retirees and NGOs.

Anwar's address will also be broadcast live on television and social media.

The hour-long event, organised by the National Unity Ministry, will have a *Bicara Eksklusif* segment titled *Kedaulatan Negara Tanggungjawab Bersama - Mengimbau Insiden Lahad Datu*, various performances and the

prime minister's speech.

The *Bicara Eksklusif* segment will feature several panellists, including National Security Council former director-general Datuk Mohd Rodzi Saad as well as members and officers of the Royal Malaysia Police involved in the 2013 Lahad Datu incident.

There will also be a special video screening on Independence presented by the National Archives of Malaysia and a cultural performance featuring participants from various ethnic groups playing a range of traditional musical instruments such as the *kompang*, *gendang*, *tawak* and *rebana*, reflecting the country's rich cultural heritage.

To mark the event's opening, Anwar will

distribute the *Jalur Gemilang* to students from kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, higher education institutions and youth groups.

Held a day before the National Day celebration, the Perdana Address serves as a platform to ignite the patriotic spirit and deepen the appreciation for Independence among Malaysians, especially the younger generation.

This aligns with the theme of this year's celebration, *Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka*.

The National Day celebration will take place at Dataran Putrajaya where similar celebrations were held in 2003, 2005, 2018, 2019 and 2023.

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