



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, flanked by Communications Minister Datuk Fahmi Fadzil (left) and Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi, at the 2025 National Month and Fly the Jalur Gemilang campaign launch in Muar yesterday.

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'Muar pick a recognition of Johor's contributions to the nation'

MUAR: Muar being chosen as the venue for the 2025 National Month and Fly the Jalur Gemilang campaign launch is a recognition of Johor's contributions to the nation.

Menteri Besar Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi described the choice as "no coincidence", saying Muar was the cradle of Malaysia's independence movement.

"This is not merely a launch venue. It is a symbol of honour, a tribute to Johor's deep-rooted spirit of patriotism and nationhood," said Onn Hafiz yesterday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim launched the event at Dataran Tanjung Emas. Also present was Communications Minister Datuk Fahmi Fadzil.

Onn Hafiz expressed his gratitude to the prime minister and federal administration for choos-

ing Johor, saying the decision reflected mutual trust and a renewed synergy between federal and state governments.

He welcomed key federal announcements, including the new RM1,700 minimum wage, reduced RON95 petrol price and expanded Rahmah Madani sales, as concrete steps towards easing the people's burdens.

"Real freedom isn't just about being rid of colonisers. It means escaping poverty, coping with living costs and living with dignity in our own land," he said, adding

that the theme "Malaysia Madani: Rakyat Disantuni" (Protecting the People's Welfare) resonated with Johoreans.

Onn Hafiz said Johor secured RM30.1 billion in approved investments in the first quarter.

"The state's gross domestic product grew 6.4 per cent last year, surpassing the national average.

"These are not just numbers. They reflect Johor's status as not only the economic driver of the south, but one of the key engines of national growth," he added.

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