

**Nothing political, Rais says of Raya open house in Penang**  
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 30 — The Hari Raya Aidilfitri Malaysia open house to be held in Penang later this month has nothing to do with politics, says Information, Communication and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim.

The event on September 11 was to unite Malaysians by getting them to better appreciate the 1Malaysia concept, Bernama Online quoted Rais as saying.

Said Rais: "This celebration is to serve as a bridge for any divide, and we are not having it for any political reasons."

He said Penang was hosting the event as the state had not held a celebration on such a scale, unlike neighbours Kedah, Perlis and Perak.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is expected to join in the celebrations with some 20,000 guests.

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