

**Government Will Not Ignore Welfare Of Small Ethnic Groups, Says Salang**  
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BELURAN, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- The government will not exclude any ethnic group from development and the national culture no matter how small its number, Deputy Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Joseph Salang said today.

He said that all ethnic groups are included in the nation-building agenda of the government.

"Orang Sungai Labuk, for example, will never be ignored by the government although they are a very small community," he told reporters after opening the sixth annual Tagunggu Fiesta here.

He said that one way to promote the cultural heritage of the Sungai Labuk tribe in Paitan was through organising the Tagunggu Fiesta, which is named after a traditional musical instrument made of bamboo which is played like a gong.

Salang said the fiesta encouraged young people to appreciate their cultural heritage and be involved in promoting it.

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