

**Bakti wraps Hari Raya packs for armed forces**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Bakti members continued an annual tradition by personally packing 39,040 boxes of Hari Raya goodies for the security forces.

Bakti (Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers) president Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, who is also the Prime Minister's wife, said the boxes of foodstuff worth over RM370,880 would be distributed to personnel from the Malaysian Armed Forces, Royal Malaysian Police and Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (APMM) next week.

"Bakti has spent slightly more this year because of price hikes.

"We want to show our appreciation to those who work hard to keep us safe during the fasting month," Rosmah said in a short speech at the Bakti Siti Hasmah Building here yesterday.

She expressed hope the gifts would bring cheer and raise the spirits of those on duty during Hari Raya.

Also present were Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman, Datin Sri Lee Sun Loo, Datin Seri Kanagam Palanivel, Datuk Seri Dr Aishah Ong, Datin Seri Khamarzan Ahmad Meah and Datuk Noorhayati Kamaluddin.

A total of 34 university students and volunteers also lent a hand to pack the foodstuff.

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Utar) communications student Chow Sze Yang, 20, said this was the least he could do to show appreciation to the security forces.

"They are doing a noble deed," said Chow.

Another Utar student, Lim Chung Kai, said he hoped more volunteers would come next year to help.

"It's a good feeling to know that we are helping give back to those who keep our country safe," he said.

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