

**Malaysia's Racial Diversity Will Be Highlight Of Merdeka Day Celebrations**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 9 (Bernama) -- The highlight of the 55th Merdeka Day celebrations this year will be the nation's racial diversity, said Information Communications and Culture minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim.

He announced that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was scheduled to launch the national "Fly the Jalur Gemilang Day" on July 17 in Kuala Lumpur involving three locations which represent the three main races of Malaysia.

The areas are Brickfields to represent Indians, Jalan Petaling the Chinese and Kampung Baru for the Malays, he elaborated.

"Meanwhile, Sabah and Sarawak will be for the Iban and Kadazan and other ethnic groups in the two states.

"All states are urged to fly the Jalur Gemilang (national flag) from July 17 to Malaysia Day on September 16," he told reporters after presenting a RM150,000 special allocation and national flags to representatives from the the 13 states in the federation, here Monday.

Prior to this, he had chaired the 55th Merdaka Day Celebrations Main Committee meeting here.

Clarifying the significance of this year's Merdeka Day theme, "1Malaysia Promises Fulfilled", he said it encompassed the Prime Minister's transformation programmes such as BR1M, Kedai 1Malaysia and others for the benefit of the people.

"That's the significance. With us reaching 55, all our promises have been delivered, all promises from past and present leaders," he added.

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