

**Stepping On Pictures Showed Young Generation Have Taken Independence For Granted - Dr Mahathir**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- The recent unruly behaviour of participants at the 'Himpunan Janji Bersih' at Dataran Merdeka on the eve of Merdeka Day was mainly because they have taken independence and freedom of expression for granted said former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the participants were mainly teenagers and young professionals who had not experienced how it felt to be under foreign rule.

"Most of them are under 55 years old. They never knew what it was like under foreign rule. So they take 'Merdeka' for granted.

"They do not know how to appreciate because they have been thinking that we are always free," he told reporters after attending DRB-Hicom's Hari Raya Open House, here Wednesday.

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