

**Parliament: People's Support, Spirit For 55th Merdeka Day Celebration Impressive
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- The people's participation, spirit and support for programmes carried out by the government in conjunction with the 55th Merdeka Day celebrations, themed 'Promises Fulfilled', was impressive, despite attempts by the opposition-ruled states to change the theme, logo and song for the celebrations, the Dewan Rakyat was told Monday.

Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim said the show of support by the people of all ages and walks of life was gauged through feedback obtained from their participation and support for programmes implemented at the national and state levels.

"The Barisan Nasional government's efforts were a success, with more than 150,000 people, especially the younger generation, attending the celebrations and parade at Dataran Merdeka and the Bukit Jalil Stadium," he said in response to a question from Datuk Halimah Mohd Sadique (BN-Tenggara).

Halimah had wanted to know the extent of the people's acceptance of the theme, 'Promises Fulfilled', for this year's Merdeka Day celebration.

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