

Malaysian women celebrate their success in Million Women Purple Walk
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PETALING JAYA: Thousands of Malaysian women took to the streets Sunday for the 1Million Women Purple Walk in conjunction with International Women's Day.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak launched the event at Putrajaya while mentris besar and chief ministers did the same at state-level.

The walk is said to be the first of its kind to be held in Malaysia. Purple is the theme colour for International Women's Day.

The main purpose of the walk is to show solidarity towards the Government's commitment in empowering women in Malaysia and to celebrate the successes of Malaysian women in various sectors.

In Putrajaya, Najib said Malaysia would not have achieved its goals had women not been part of the mainstream development and transformation.

Present were the Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and wife Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman, Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim and Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Seri Dr Ali Hamsa.

"But we do not just want to recognise women. We want to empower women and want them to be part of mainstream development and transformation," Najib said.

In Ipoh, about 20,000 people took part in the event at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Recreational Park.

The participants were flagged off by Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir at SM Vokasional Ipoh.

Over at Lumut, about 1,000 folks showed up to support the event at the Lumut Jetty where participants took part in an aerobic session.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Kong Cho Ha, who is Lumut MP, said the event enabled Malaysians to show their unity and support the government in its efforts to empower women Malaysians.

In Johor, Mentri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman lauded women's role in the family, community and economy citing them as natural multi-taskers.

He said that one of the main assets of women were their ability to do many things at once and do them well.

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