

**People Anxious To Meet With The Prime Minister
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SUNGAI PETANI, Aug 16 (Bernama) - The people came to attend the national launch of 'Kibar Jalur Gemilang' are anxious to meet with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Most of the people interviewed expressed their pride with the choice of Kedah, particularly Sungai Petani, as host for the event as it can inject the spirit of patriotism.

Mohd Amirudin Sobri, 23, said the programme organised by the Kedah state government indirectly inject the spirit of patriotism among the young.

"As a young person, I feel very proud because our country is peaceful. I appreciate the fight for independence by our past leaders," he added.

M. Negan, 54, who came with his wife and son said this is the first time the event is held in Sungai Petani and described it as a tribute to people in this district.

"I arrived here at 4pm today and happy as the spirit of unity among the people is evident. It is a great opportunity for the people to meet with the leader," he said.

About 50,000 flooded Dataran Zero, famous for the clock tower, for the launch ceremony by the prime minister Friday night.

The event with the theme 'Malaysiaku Berdaulat Tanah Tumpahnya Darahku' held in conjunction with Merdeka month, is launched simultaneously nationwide.

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