

**PM In Cameo Role In BR24 Special Merdeka Drama
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- For the second year running, Bernama Radio24 (BR24) has produced a special Merdeka drama with a cameo appearance by none other than Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

While Najib delivered the National Day speech at the end of the drama in last year's 'Memoir 57', this year the prime minister is acting in the 'Ikrar Perwira' drama, the recording of his conversation having been made at his office in Putrajaya.

"We were touched by the willingness of the prime minister to appear in the special drama despite his busy schedule," said BR24 Head of Programmes Hakimi Zain who was present at the recording session.

"I am amazed at the professionalism displayed by the prime minister, who was able to complete the recording without much coaching despite not having acted before," he said.

'Ikrar Perwira' will go on air tonight after the National Day speech by the prime minister in conjunction with the country's 56th anniversary of independence.

The drama, based on the bloody tragedy in Kampung Tanduo, Lahad Datu, Sabah, was written by Nizuan Hanaffi and stars Man Raja Lawak in the main role with the other characters played by BR24 staff themselves.

They comprise managing editor Letfee Ahmad; producer Khairil Bashar; anchors Gerard Ratnam and Shuhadah Armawan as well as Nizuan, who is also the producer for the drama.

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