

**Najib Joins Thousands Of Muslims For 'Pray For Malaysia' Evening
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak tonight joined thousands of Muslims at Dataran Merdeka for the 'Pray For Malaysia' event in conjunction with 2015 National Day here.

The prime minister, who was attired in a white jubah, arrived at 8.30 pm and was met upon arrival by Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak, Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor and Special Affairs Department (JASA) director-general Datuk Dr Puad Zarkashi.

Also present at the event, being held for the second consecutive year, were Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek, Dewan Negara president Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki.

The programme, which was broadcast live via the Al-Hijrah television station, started with the Isyak prayers led by the imam of Masjid Sultan Salahudin Abdul Aziz Shah, Selangor, Syeikh Abdul Karim Omar Al-Makki.

This was followed by special prayers (solat hajat) led by the Federal Territory mufti Datuk Dr Zulkifli Mohamad Al-Bakri.

Prayers to avert Malaysia from all harms caused by defamations and seeking prosperity for the country was recited by the chief imam of Masjid Tuanku Zainal Abidin Putrajaya, Hazarudin Baharudin.

The contents included prayers for prosperity and the strengthening of unity among Malaysians in conjunction with National Day 2015.

Other highlights were the singing of a religious song (Qasidah), led by Habib Syech Abdul Qadir Assegaf from Indonesia and a talk (tawsiyah) which was presented by Dr Zulkifli.

The rain did not hampered thousands of the faithful from attending the event while waving the Jalur Gemilang as a symbolic gesture of their love for the country.

Speaking to reporters later, Puad said 'Pray For Malaysia' was held because the country frequently faced disasters, among them terrorists intrusion in Lahad Datuk, Sabah, the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines MH370 and the MH17 tragedy as well as floods that hit several states the end of last year.

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