

Malaysians Usher In National Day 2015 With Shouts Of Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka!
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Malaysians throughout the country ushered in National Day 2015 in gratitude and joy in the face of various challenges the country is facing.

The biggest welcome was at the compound of the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil here where the thousands gathered there waited with bated breath for the countdown to midnight, which marked the arrival of Aug 31, Independence Day.

At the stroke of midnight the gathered crowd shouted "Merdeka!", "Merdeka!", "Merdeka!" in unison and sang the national anthem Negaraku spiritedly before fireworks lit up the night sky.

In SHAH ALAM, thousands of people gathered at Dataran Kemerdekaan for the Selangor-level celebration to mark the occasion.

Also present were Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali, State Secretary Datuk Mohammed Khusrin Munawi and state executive councillors.

Besides the Rukun Negara pledge recited by those present, the programme also was further enlivened with the hoisting of the Jalur Gemilang (national flag) and a fireworks display.

In KUCHING, a thanksgiving prayer was held at Masjid Bahagian Limbang in marking the occasion and among the dignitaries present were Sarawak Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Taib Mahmud and Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem.

In JOHOR BAHRU, among the highlights of the celebration was the launching of the Johor Free Wi-fi Project, which will see 135 free wi-fi hotspots throughout Johor.

In KUALA NERUS (Terengganu), more than 10,000 people flooded the compound of the Gong Badak Indoor Stadium to welcome National Day 2015.

In SEREMBAN, the celebration was made even more merrier with a parade of 16 floats from various government departments and agencies, higher educational institutions, political parties and the private sector.

In MELAKA, the celebration at Jalan Hang Tuah also saw the joget (a traditional dance) performed and singing of the dondang sayang, which is synonymous with the state.

In KANGAR, the celebrations at Kompleks Sukan Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra also featured singing of patriotic songs and cultural performances.

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