

**Set Aside Differences, Demonstrate Patriotism - Ahmad Zahid  
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi has called on the people to get together in translating national independence by brushing aside political differences in demonstrating the spirit of patriotism.

In his message in conjunction with the 2016 National Day celebration tomorrow, he said as Malaysians, every member of society must have the perception that national independence belonged to everyone.

"Efforts to promote National Day celebrations must be seen as a responsibility or important to be shouldered by all citizens, not the government alone," he said.

Ahmad Zahid conveyed the National Day message to the media after receiving a courtesy call from Indonesian Maritime Coordinating Minister Luhut Binsar Panjaitan, who is also Energy and Mineral Resources Minister, at his office here today.

He said unity among the people in determining; protecting and defending independence was a trust that must be shouldered by all Malaysians, irrespective of race, religion, culture or political ideology.

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