

National Day celebrated with patriotism nationwide

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 31 (Bernama) -- The 61st National Day celebration was enlivened with the participation of Malaysians from all walks of life and diverse racial backgrounds, reflecting a spirit of patriotism and love for Malaysia at the various locations nationwide.

In addition to the glittering celebrating at the Dataran Putrajaya themed "Sayangi Malaysiaku" or Love my Malaysia, the states also held National Day celebration programmes and other events which were attended by state leaders and attracting foreign tourists.

In PERAK, Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Shah and Raja Permaisuri of Perak Tuanku Zara Salim joined over 15,000 people of various races for the state level National Day 2018 celebration in front of the Ipoh Town Hall.

A total of 107 contingents involving 5,703 participants from various agencies and local governments, uniformed teams of public universities and non governmental organisations joined the parade.

In KEDAH, Sultan of Kedah Sultan Sallehuddin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah and Sultanah of Kedah, Sultanah Maliha Tengku Ariff attended the state level National Day celebration at the Dataran Medan Bandar.

Besides this being the first time it is organised by the new government, Lim said the celebrations this year was his first as a member of the federal government.

"What can be seen is that the people clearly showed that they are with the government in celebrating the true meaning of freedom," said the former Chief Minister of Penang.

Youth and Sports Minister Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman said the younger generation showed their support for the event and this was proof of the strong sense of patriotism for the nation.

“This clearly shows that the young know their responsibility not just to themselves but more importantly their willingness to work with others to rebuild the nation,” he said.

For Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Datuk Dr Mujahid Yusof Rawa, the celebrations were extra-ordinary and amazing.

“The turn-out by thousands of people from all levels of society is a manifestation of the people’s solidarity with the government to celebrate the true meaning of freedom,” he said.

Domestic Trade and Consumerism Minister Datuk Saifuddin Nasution Ismail said although the celebrations were simple, they were lively and involved participation from the public, and had a big impact.

“The parade is symbolic of the fact that Malaysia has moved forward as a sovereign nation which is on par with other nations of the same age,” he said.

To Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook, each participant showed a high level of commitment and this spirit was good for a nation to excel in various areas.

“The new government under the leadership of Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will continue to work to improve our performance in all areas and the celebrations today has lifted the spirits of the people of Malaysia,” he said.

According to Health Minister Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, the celebrations in the era of the new Malaysia was impressive with the involvement of people of all races and religions who celebrated the day together.

“I am very excited and thankful that the people have given us the trust and mandate to steer the nation for the 14th Parliamentary session, and god willing, they will be with us to build the nation,” he said.

Meanwhile in PAHANG, the National Day celebration held at Kuantan Municipal Council 1 (MPK1) was celebrated with the Regent of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah and Tengku Puan Pahang Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah and about 15,000 multiracial people.

A total of 86 contingents with 4,313 participants participated in a parade featuring the nation's Armed Forces (ATM) that showcased its convoy of PT91 Pendekar armoured vehicles and six Sukhoi SU-30MKM fighter jets from the Royal Malaysian Air Force's 11th Squadron based in Gong Kedak, Terengganu.

Tengku Abdullah also presented the Jalur Gemilang to the state's Sukma Contingent which would take part in the biennial national sporting event involving young athletes in Perak, next month.

In SABAH, over 10,000 people took part in the state's National Day celebrations at Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens, Kota Kinabalu, attended by Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal and state cabinet members.

A total of 149 contingents participated in the parade with a magnificent show in the skies by Hawk 208 combat aircraft from RMAF.

In JOHOR, more than 5,000 visitors were up by 6.30am to celebrate the National Day celebration held at Dataran Tanjung Emas, Muar.

A total of 132 contingents with over 5,000 participants took part in the parade that exhibited the assets of the national security forces. A convoy of vintage cars from the

Luxury Car Club then rolled in followed by some striking antique motorcycles.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Osman Sapian in his speech reminded all parties to work towards forging unity and solidarity, to enable the government to create an economic balance and eradicate poverty among the people.

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