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GRAND SHOW

THE NATIONAL DAY celebrations at Dataran Merdeka today will be a grand show of patriotism involving more than 15,000 people from all walks of life, representing government agencies, security forces, the private sector and schools. The celebrations, with the theme 'Sehati Sejiwa' (One Heart, One Soul), includes:



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MERDEKA!

... Some 146 children from eight kindergartens around Taman Pantai Jerjak in Penang wave the Jalur Gemilang at an event yesterday. *theSun* wishes all our readers a joyous National Day.

- ▶ a march past comprising 20 bands and 26 contingents comprising 8,324 people;
 - ▶ a display of over 250 assets of the armed forces including 35 aircraft, as well as 50 horses and 22 service dogs;
 - ▶ an action-packed performance by the Royal Malaysian Police, featuring its various units and expertise in tackling security issues;
 - ▶ the use of a giant LED screen to enhance the graphics and videos of every performance; and
 - ▶ the 'Formula E-racing' grandstand concept to give spectators a new dimension to view the event.
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Najib: Be wary of 'new form of colonialism'

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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak has called on Malaysians to be wary of a "new form of colonialism", which could destroy the unity and harmony the

country had established since gaining independence 59 years ago. Addressing the nation on the eve of Merdeka Day, the prime minister said such threats are not necessarily from foreign perpetrators, but involve the "dirty hands" of those from within the country.

He mentioned several attempts made by certain quarters who wanted to topple the government through undemocratic means; including by initiating referendums, declarations and street demonstrations. Therefore, Najib urged the

people to stay united and go all out to fight those who want to destroy Malaysia. "In our efforts to foster solidarity and unity, we do not want any occurrences of disunity, which

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