

Memorable events to mark Merdeka Day

> Duo on 380km bicycle journey to celebrate momentous occasion

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GEORGE TOWN: As the nation marks the 61st National Day with the annual pomp and splendour, citizens from all walks of life decided to remember the occasion through their own unique approach.

In Kampung Bukit Pelanduk at Permatang Pauh, two friends have set off on a 380km bicycle ride.

"We want to instil the spirit of patriotism," said Shahrizal Ahmad, 31, who studied at SMK Tanjung Bungah.

His companion is a friend he calls "Uncle" - Steven Lee Bee Huat, 53, who has also decided to tag along with Shahrizal for the gruelling ride which is expected to take a few days owing to the distance covered - some 380km one way.

Their journey is broadcast through the social media networks of Facebook and Instagram via the login of Jose Rizal II.

Over at the Penang Swimming Club, the Young Muslim Sports

Club - a non-governmental organisation plans to unfurl the "Jalur Gemilang" national flag which measures 514 metres in length.

Meanwhile, a 35-year-old disabled biker will be making an attempt to get into the Malaysian Book of Records for the Longest Distance Single-Handed Motorcycle Ride in conjunction with Malaysia Day, reports Bernama.

A. Santana Dass, who is a person with disabilities will be attempting to travel a minimum distance of 5,922km from Penang on Sept 16.

For 14 days, his journey will cover Thailand, Myanmar and Singapore only with his left hand on a modified Yamaha R25 motorcycle.

He plans to show his love for the country by covering his bike with stickers of the Malaysian flag.

Santana lost his right arm three years ago when he was involved in a motorcycle-lorry collision at Macalister Road, and he was hospitalised for eight days.



Shahrizal Ahmad (front) showing the thumbs-up while his riding buddy, Lee, looks on as they take a break on their way to Ipoh.

Rehearsals in full flight

PUTRAJAYA: With only four days to go, the preparations for the 2018 National Day celebrations are in full swing to ensure that the parade and procession on Aug 31 will run smoothly.

Checks by Bernama at the Dataran Putrajaya, Presint 2 yesterday morning found members of marching band, dance performances as well as the contingent from the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) busy in their rehearsals.

Student Noor Zaidah Akhir Sepian, 17, said although she felt tired after going through the rehearsals since Aug 18, she was excited to be involved in the celebration.

"I was invited by my friend to join the dance performances and really want to give my best on Aug 31," said the fifth former from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Assunta, Petaling Jaya.

Another participant, Muhammad Syafiq Shah Wahid, 19, said this year marked his second involvement after his first in 2014.

"For this year's parade I participate in the Jalur Gemilang dance performance, compared to 2014 when I was involved in marching then," he said, adding that he hoped he will not make mistakes in his dance steps.

From today, visitors to the Royal Floria Putrajaya 2018, located about a kilometre from the Dataran Putrajaya, would have a chance to have closer look at the MAF assets.

They will also see a fly-past that involves 54 MAF air assets including helicopters, fighter jets and transport aircraft while the full-dress rehearsal will be held on Tuesday. - Bernama

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