

Preparations in full swing at Dataran Merdeka

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KUALA LUMPUR: The preparations for the 2022 National Day celebration at Dataran Merdeka on Wednesday are nearly complete, and the participating contingents are well prepared for the parade.

Communications and Multimedia Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohammad Mentek said the organisers had tied up some loose ends after conducting a post-mortem following the first rehearsal on Saturday.

"I could see that the second rehearsal today (yesterday) is better as the contingents were in high spirits.

"There will be another post-mortem as we can do better in terms of timing because we were four minutes late.

"Maybe some contingents were not fully prepared.

"Preparations at the venue are almost done, with only the LED screen yet to be installed.

"We hope the display will be put up at tomorrow's full dress rehearsal," he said.

After a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the National Day celebration returns this year with the theme, "Keluarga Malaysia Teguh Bersama".

Some 50,000 people are expected to converge at the historic square as early as 7am on Wednesday.

Among the highlights is the arrival of Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah on a horse-drawn carriage from Menara DBKL. **Bernama**