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Scale up National Day celebrations: Minister

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Day celebrations at family and community levels nationwide can and should be intensified throughout National Month, said Communications and Multimedia Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa.

This includes celebrations at all parliamentary and state

constituencies, villages and schools.

"I hope this will be a new practice, to have the National Day celebrated by all segments of society, not only at the national level and just on the morning of the day itself.

"I hope the celebrations at the

community level, including villages nationwide, can be intensified," he said after recording a special talk show, *Merdeka65*, with Astro Awani yesterday in conjunction with the National Day and Malaysia Day celebrations.

Annuar also expressed hope that more of the public, as well as

civil societies, corporate bodies and private companies, will fly the *Jalur Gemilang* in the spirit of love for the country.

He said he believes the spirit to celebrate National Day is high among the people, but most of them wait for the eve of Aug 31 to start flying the *Jalur Gemilang*, when it can be done throughout National Month.

"Apart from the celebrations, we can also show our love for the country through our posts and content either on Facebook, Twitter, TikTok or other social media platforms."

Annuar added that what was equally important in celebrating National Day is to observe the meaning of independence as the country is now able to celebrate it physically following the transition to the endemic phase, and the country was recovering in terms of the economy and employment opportunities.

Annuar, who is organising committee chairman for the National Day and Malaysia Day celebrations, was among four Cabinet ministers representing different races invited to discuss the topic of unity and patriotism on the talk show.

The other three were Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong, Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri M. Saravanan and Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi. - Bernama



Annuar (second from left) chats with Wee, Saravanan and Nanta after recording the *Merdeka65* talk show with Astro Awani in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. - BERNAMAPIX