

Declaration of independence re-enacted

KUALA LUMPUR: One of the highlights of yesterday's Merdeka Day celebrations was a re-enactment of the historic day exactly 60 years ago when Tunku Abdul Rahman declared the nation's independence.

It began with a vintage car procession, with an actor portraying the Tunku.

The lowering of the Union Jack was also re-enacted, followed by the declaration on the formation of Malaysia, when Sabah and Sarawak joined the Federation of Malaya on Sept 16, 1963.

The event also featured the release of pigeons by Rusnah Aksah, who had played the same role during the celebration to mark the formation of Malaysia in 1963.

Another show that took Malaysians down memory lane was during the raising of the Jalur Gemilang by octogenarians from the navy, Lt-Comdr (R) Mohd Sarif Kalam and Warrant Officer (R) Oliver Culvert Samuel.

They were the same flag raisers during the independence celebration 60 years ago.

There was also a performance depicting a gun battle with communist terrorists.



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(Top right)
Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak leading Malaysians in shouting out 'Merdeka!'.

(Above)
An actor portraying Tunku Abdul Rahman waves to the crowd.

(Right)
A re-enactment of a march in 1957, with participants dressed in attire reflecting that era.

