



Let there be peace: Participants of the Walk for Peace waving their flags to the tune of Malaysiaku Gemilang at the Putra World Trade Centre yesterday.

Malaysia to observe World Peace Day

Najib declares occasion an annual event

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has pledged to make the International Day of Peace on Sept 21 an annual celebration.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said Sept 21 was significant as it was chosen by the United Nations as a day of ceasefire and to stop all forms of violence.

He said the event, unfortunately, was not observed by every country, adding that Malaysia condemned all forms of violence, aggression and foreign interference in the domestic affairs of another country.

"Malaysia wishes to call upon all member nations of the UN to follow us in observing the International Day of Peace,

for the sake of security, welfare and peace for all mankind.

"I wish to declare that this occasion will be an annual event in Malaysia and be registered in our calendar year," he said in his speech read out by Deputy Defence Minister Datuk Abu Seman Yusop at the Walk for Peace event in Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

Participants at the event observed a minute of silence at 12pm as a remembrance of those who had fought in wars.

Najib, the former Defence Minister, also called on all UN members to focus their strengths and capabilities toward achieving global peace and security.

He said Malaysia was one of the countries that upheld the UN Charter and subscribed to fighting for world peace.