

Be vigilant in all aspects

Rep gives the public such reminder as country now faces security threat

KOTA SAMARAHAN: The public were reminded to be always vigilant in all aspects as the country today is facing a security threat which is most challenging.

State Assemblyman for Muara Tuang, Dato Sri Haji Mohd Ali Mahmud said the challenge must be faced together and the event in Lahad Datu Sabah should serve as a lesson for all so as to be always on guard against threat and never to be easily content with what they are enjoying now.

He said unity among all the various races in the state needed to be maintained as it would become the thrust to the continuous development in line with the government's wish to make Sarawak as a developed state by 2020.

"Therefore, let us emphasise together on the objectives to build a civilisation to make Sarawak as a developed state based on the Malaysia mould and the prerequisites to this development are unity and brotherhood among the various races," Mohd Ali said.

He was speaking at the launching of 50th Anniversary of Sarawak's Independence Within Malaysia, Samarahan Division level 2013 at the Samarahan Civic Centre here on Sunday evening.

He said with unity comes



MOHD Ali Mahmud (2nd right) together with Haji Ismail Haji Mohd Hanis leading the people in waving the national flag at the launching of the Samarahan-level of 50th Anniversary of Sarawak Independence Within Malaysia 2013 at Kota Samarahan Civic Centre on Sunday night.

peace which would make it possible for whatever human capital development plan be carried out through clear and balance education process in creating progressive citizens.

Mohd Ali said during the past 50 years of independence, Samarahan Division, which was only a small district in the past

had gone through rapid development and through the process of transformation, had emerged as an education hub in Sarawak.

"The setting up of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) as well as Tun Abdul Razak Teachers Training Institute (IPTAR) had reaffirmed Sama-

rahan Division as an education hub," he said.

The existence of a renowned heart centre in Borneo is proof that the division is among the most dynamic division from every aspect - education and also health," the assemblyman said.

He also urged the people to

make Samarahan Division as a dynamic division in conjunction with the spirit of the 50th anniversary celebration based on the 1Malaysia slogan conceived by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak who placed unity as the most important basis.

"Let us all together create a spirit of independence based of the slogan of 1Malaysia in order to create a nation and national unity based on unity in diversity," he said.

Meanwhile, in view of the parliamentary election which is expected to be held soon, he called on the people to continue to give their support to Barisan Nasional to ensure continuous progress and peace.

"Therefore, let's all together celebrate this Golden Jubilee by giving our undivided support to BN for the wellbeing of the people," he said.

During that function, a sum of RM20,000 was collected for the fund for the fallen heroes of Lahad Datu (Lahad Datu Heroes Fund).

To mark the occasion, there were performances by local artistes as well as *bergendang* event. Also present were Samarahan Division Resident Haji Ismail Haji Mohd Hanis and Deputy Resident John Awan.