



PATRIOTIC SPIRIT ... UUM students taking part in the motorcycle parade around the campus.

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High spirits at UUM Merdeka gathering

A LARGE crowd, comprising mainly students, gathered at the Sintok Memorial Monument in Universiti Utara Malaysia to celebrate *Malam Ambang Merdeka* on the eve of the recent National Day.

The evening began with the presentation of the *Jalur Gemilang* to the university's vice-chancellor, Kol Prof Datuk Dr Ahmad Fawzi Mohd Basri, by student representatives.

The flag was later raised by officers from UUM's reserve officer trainee unit.

Dr Ahmad Fawzi led hundreds of revellers in singing the national anthem and chanting *Merdeka*.

He urged the students to imbibe the spirit of *Merdeka* and value the progress made during the country's 44 years of independence.

He also called on them to support government programmes and warned that stern action would be taken against those who destroy unity and harmony on campus.

The evening's programme included a documentary on independence, choir presentation, poetry recitals, poetry songs by Koprata and *dikir barat* performance. It ended with a fireworks display and parade of motorcycles and Perodua Kancils.

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