

PLEASE NOTE  
Speech by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Penang, at the  
UMNO Bahagian Tanjung 19th National Day Anniversary  
Dinner to be held at the E & O Hotel on Monday, 27th  
September, 1976, at 8.00 p.m.

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Yang Teramat Mulia Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-haj and  
Yang Mulia Tun Sharifah Rodziah,  
The Chairman and Members of UMNO Bahagian Tanjung,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the UMNO Bahagian Tanjung for having kindly invited my wife and I to your dinner to celebrate the 19th National Day Anniversary. We are very happy to have Yang Teramat Mulia Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-haj and Yang Mulia Tun Sharifah Rodziah here with us this evening. In his person, Yang Teramat Mulia Tunku Abdul Rahman symbolises the independent Malaysia that we all cherish to-day and he is acknowledged by all of us as "Bapa Malaysia". I would also like to take this occasion to wish the members of your Tanjung Division and all the guests present a 'Selamat Hari Raya Puasa'.

2. National Day is an important event in the history of our Malaysian nation. It is on this day, the 31st of August, that all Malaysians, irrespective of their race or religious beliefs, re-affirm their faith and extend their wholehearted support and co-operation to the Government in its vital task of preserving our national security and building a united and harmonious nation. National Day represents the will and determination of all loyal Malaysians to build, sustain and develop Malaysia as an independent, progressive, modern nation. It is an occasion when we must dedicate ourselves anew to preserve the unity, peace and security of our nation. We shall uphold independent Malaysia in spite of the activities of anti-national, subversive and communist elements who try to disrupt the peace, harmony and progress of the nation.



3. Even at the present time, our security forces and police are doing their utmost to prevent these anti-national elements from disrupting the socio-economic development of the country and destroying the unity and peace prevailing among our people. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to urge all of you to become fully involved in the task of preserving national security. We must all do our bit to assist our security forces and police by actively participating in the Rukun Tetangga Schemes and the Jawatan Kuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung in your areas and sustain and promote the peace, goodwill and understanding among the residents living in your areas. By doing so, you will help to release the police for more urgent assignments elsewhere. The Police cannot be expected to patrol your sectors all the time. Therefore, your active participation in the Rukun Tetangga Schemes will clearly demonstrate your desire and keen interest to contribute your share to community development and understanding among residents living in your sector.

4. In the midst of our rejoicings on this memorable occasion of National Day, let us not forget that, as a young developing nation, the Government needs the co-operation and support of all its citizens in carrying out its policies to ensure the social-economic progress of the country and to provide employment opportunities and housing for our citizens under the Third Malaysia Plan.

5. As you are all aware, the main objectives of the Third Malaysia Plan are to eradicate poverty, to restructure society in order to redress the economic imbalances existing among our people and to strengthen national security. I am confident that you will all give your full support to the Government to carry out vital projects earmarked for the



welfare and happiness of our people. Above all, our citizens must do their best to promote goodwill, harmony and understanding among the people of our multi-racial society since these prerequisites are essential and fundamental to the progress and unity of our Malaysian nation that we seek to establish.

6. On this happy occasion, we must resolve to work even harder to sustain the peace, harmony and stability of our nation. Above all, we must strengthen our resolution to work for the national interest in the true spirit of brother and sister Malaysians sharing a common destiny so that we can look forward to a greater measure of happiness for our people as a whole.

7. On such a special occasion as this, I have a simple answer to questions that are sometimes asked of me - by those who query what all these words as - peace, unity, goodwill, independence, happiness - mean. My answer, to-night, is simple. Just look at the Tunku - "Bapa Malaysia". He is the personification of all that these words mean.

8. I thank the Chairman and Members of UMNO Bahagian Tanjung once again for your efforts to promote the good relationships amongst our citizens and I would like to conclude by wishing your Bahagian Tanjung every success in the years ahead.

