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HE didn't bargain for this, but he isn't complaining. It's 6pm. Nanda, the evening's MC, takes time out from his many errands to play with two-year-old Joy. This namesake is no coincidence - earlier, the chairs had been wiped clean of dust, the grounds swept, the entire house mopped, sound system checked. Chores done together with fun and laughter. It is about joy, isn't it?

September 16. Hari Malaysia. The day also marks Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia's first year as we do our bit in sharing with our fellow citizens that there is such a thing as participation in democracy. It had been a year with meaning. We mark the evening with a gathering at the Rumah Anak Bangsa Malaysia.



We'd [illegible] SABM again to filter in. We meet again many old friends, gems whom





While waiting for the Raja Muda to arrive, the crowd is entertained by a group singing nasyids. Nanda kicks off the evening with a



Resigning from the Barisan Nasional government, Malaysian Youth, proudly wearing Chee Seng





Another Bangkok participant, rising regulars Paid In Fiction, string together a medley of three songs



Hakyat Voices [illegible] minds dominate. Karl tells us his



Justin Tan, who authored the SABM invitation to Hari Malaysia, emphasises the message on destruction and the need for student power



Nisa Azhar, who is a young Malaysian lawyer, talks about the need to stand up for one's rights. Photo courtesy of Nisa Azhar

Whether it's listening to a young Malaysian lawyer talk about the need to stand up for one's rights or watching a group of Singaporean youths sing about the nation's future, one can't help but feel good vibes for the


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