

## Villagers decorate homes with Jalur Gemilang for Merdeka Day

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Their spirit of patriotism is evident the moment visitors step into the village.

Jalur Gemilang in various sizes can be found draped at the entrances of their homes as well as the village's entrance, and are lined across padi fields.

Housewife Hapisah Yusuf, 70, said the villagers started working on the Merdeka decorations last week.

"We divided the tasks among ourselves. Some of us decorated houses, while others spruced up the road going into our village.

"I spent about RM100 to buy flags," said the mother of three.

Student Nur Shafira Irwanis Che Muhd Shahfara said she and her friends helped other villagers to decorate their house compounds.

"My friends and I really enjoy doing this. We spent close to three hours a day hanging the flags and doing other decorations," she said.

The village's community head, Mohd Nor Hassan, said many villagers looked forward to the month of August and took great pride in decorating their homes and the village with the Jalur Gemilang.

"We have been doing it for 15 years. This is part of our way to show our love for the nation," he said.