Hari Raya celebrations in Lebanon

The Embassy celebrated Hari Raya with the Malaysian peacekeepers in southern Lebanon (MALBATT 850-3) on 7 July 2016. The celebration was held at MALBATT Camp in Marakah, south Lebanon and hosted by MALBATT 850-3 Commanding Officer, Colonel Reizal Arif Tan Sri Ismail.

Guest were treated with a variety of Malaysian delicacies including ketupat, lemang, rendang, satay, dodol, laksa and mee sup at various Gerai Malaysia. They were also entertained with lively musical renditions by the very talented Anak-Seni team from MALBATT.

MALBATT created the Malaysian ambience, making the occasion extra special and memorable as everyone felt as if they were back home celebrating Hari Raya.
Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) Alumni Gathering

The Malaysian Embassy organised a gathering of the Lebanese MTCP alumni on 1 August 2016. The event was held at the Official Residence of the Malaysian Ambassador to Lebanon.

About 45 Lebanese government officials from various departments and agencies that had availed the MTCP programme in recent years attended the event.

Members of the alumni renewed their pledge to assist the Embassy in promoting Malaysia as a premier tourist destination amongst Lebanese citizens. As public servants, they also agreed to help strengthen Malaysia-Lebanon relation.
The Embassy celebrated the National Day on 31 August 2016 in southern Lebanon. The celebrations were held at MALBATT Camp in Marakah. Ambassadors and representatives from the embassies of Australia, Bangladesh, China, Denmark, Greece, the Philippines and South Korea attended the event. Members of the MTCP Alumni and other guests of the Malaysian Embassy were also in attendance.

The celebrations included presentation of medals to MALBATT peacekeepers, a military parade and cultural performances. Guests were also treated with Malaysian delicacies.
Working Visit by YB Dato’ Sri Mohd. Johari Baharum, Deputy Minister of Defence to Lebanon

YB Dato’ Sri Mohd. Johari Baharum, Deputy Minister of Defence, visited MALBATT peacekeepers in southern Lebanon on 7 – 14 September 2016. He also held discussions with General Jean Kahwaji, Lebanon’s Chief of Army on 14 September at the Ministry of Defence.

The Malaysian Embassy hosted a get-together of the Malaysian community with the visiting Deputy Minister on 14 September 2016. Some 70 people attended the event, comprising Malaysian expatriates and students as well as MALBATT officials. Several friends of Malaysia were also in attendance, including the Malaysian Honorary
Consul in Damascus Datuk Samir Al-Kour and Mr. Hani El-Yamak, Proton agent in Lebanon.

YB Dato’ Sri Mohd. Johari Baharum having a discussion with Malaysian students in Lebanon

International Charity Bazaar 2016

The many visitors at the Bazaar, 4 December 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia in Lebanon, in collaboration with the Diplomatic Spouses’ Association of Lebanon (DSAL) and the Phoenicia Hotel, organised the 2016 DSAL International Charity Bazaar on 4 December 2016 at the Grand Ballroom of the Phoenicia Hotel in Beirut.

The event was a great success. Some 39 diplomatic missions participated in the event together with some local artisans. The Bazaar attracted a good number of visitors – foreigners and Lebanese alike – with a steady flow throughout the day. Visitors were entertained with dances and performances by several embassies, including Malaysia, throughout the day. All proceeds were distributed to charity in Lebanon.
The Embassy took the opportunity to promote Malaysia and its rich culture at the event. In addition to taking up a booth, ladies of the Malaysian Embassy performed a *joget* dance. Mr. Melvin Cheah of the Embassy also attracted crowd participation with an interactive dance. The Embassy sold home-cooked Malaysian delicacies and self-made handicrafts and gifts. Tourism books and pamphlets were also distributed to the visitors.

Mrs. Gouri Balachandran, spouse of the Malaysian Ambassador helms the DSAL as its President since 2015. The DSAL is an association comprised of the spouses of diplomats accredited to Lebanon. Its primary objective is to promote social and cultural understanding between members of the diplomatic corps and the Lebanese community. The Association also extends assistance and support to various charitable organisations in Lebanon.