

MAHATHIR-MESSAGE
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EMBARGO: FOR AUTOMATIC RELEASE AT 2130 HOURS TODAY, JULY 21
IF HARI RAYA PUASA FALLS TOMORROW. PLEASE WAIT FOR THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE OF HARI RAYA BEFORE USING THIS STORY

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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 21 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR
MOHANAD HAS URGED MUSLIMS TO SINGLE-MINDEDLY STRIVE TO ERASE
THE ILL-LUCK BEFALLING THEMSELVES.

HE SAID THAT THE STRUGGLE TO REDEEM THE DIGNITY AND TERRITORY
OF ISLAM WAS NOT THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PEOPLE OF
PALESTINE BUT THAT OF ALL MUSLIMS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IN HIS HARI RAYA MESSAGE THAT RESPON-
SIBILITY DID NOT ENTAIL A BRAVE AND LOUD VOICE BUT EFFECTIVE
PREPARATION AND DISCIPLINE.

HE SAID THAT WHILE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY WAS AN ESSENTIAL
PREREQUISITE FOR WAR, WHAT WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT WAS ABILITY AND
CAPACITY AND NOT ASSISTANCE FROM INTERESTED FRIENDS.

NO PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED WITHOUT FIRM DETERMINATION
AND THOUGHT, HE ADDED.

--MORE 1635/AN

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MAHATHIR-MESSAGE 2 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

+IF WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE TRUTH OF THIS, THEN THE
DAY WILL COME WHEN WE WILL REDEEM OUR PRIDE AND OF OUR RELIGION.
HOWEVER, IF WE GO ON PRETENDING, THE WORLD WILL LAUGH AT US+.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE STRUGGLE TO REDEEM THE DIGNITY
OF MUSLIMS AND ISLAM WOULD BE WON IN THE LECTURE ROOMS, LABORATORIES
AND FACTORIES.

FROM THESE PLACES WOULD BE DONE THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE
STRUGGLE AND AT THESE PLACES WOULD BE DETERMINED THE VALUES OF
THE PREPARATIONS OF MUSLIMS, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE BATTLEFIELD WAS THE LAST PLACE TO
ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE OF THE STRUGGLE. ONLY THE WEIRD WILL DECIDE
OTHERWISE, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT MUSLIMS HAVE HAD TO STAND BACK AND WATCH THE
DESECRATION OF THE AL AQSA MOSQUE AND THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION
OF LEBANON.

--MORE 1637/AN

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MAHATHIR-MESSAGE 3 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID MUSLIMS HAD BEEN WARRING WITH MUSLIMS BUT AGAINST ISRAEL MUSLIMS HAD BEEN HELPLESS.

WHAT WAS SAD, HE SAID, WAS THAT THERE WERE MUSLIMS WHO WERE NOT FACING UP TO THE TRUTH OF THEIR PLIGHT AND INSTEAD WERE FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT WHILE CELEBRATING HARI RAYA, MALAYSIANS SHOULD REALISE THAT MANY AMONG THEIR MUSLIM BROTHERS ELSEWHERE WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO CELEBRATE THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION.

MALAYSIANS SHOULD REALISE HOW FORTUNATE THEY WERE, HE SAID.

THE GOOD LIFE OF MUSLIMS IN THIS COUNTRY WAS DUE TO THE TOLERANT ATTITUDE OF ISLAM TO OTHERS, HE SAID.

--MORE 1640/AN

MAHATHIR-MESSAGE 4 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE JUSTICE OF ISLAM IN RULING THIS COUNTRY WAS CLEAR.

THE PRIME MINISTER INVITED NON-MUSLIMS TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS.

HE SAID THAT HARI RAYA WAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR MUSLIMS AND NON-MUSLIMS TO RENEW THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS KEPT MALAYSIA IN PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WISHED MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES AMONG OTHERS, SELAMAT HARI RAYA.

HE REMINDED THEM THAT THERE WAS NO VICTORY WITHOUT SACRIFICE.

--BERNAMA 1644/AN