

MAHATHIR-MUHARAM

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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 6 (BERNAMA) -- ⁸³ [Ⓟ] DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAYS THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS AT INJECTING ISLAMIC VALUES INTO THE ADMINISTRATION WERE AIMED AT CREATING A MALAYSIAN PEOPLE WITH A HIGH CIVILISATION AND NON-MUSLIMS SHOULD NOT BE PREJUDICED AGAINST SUCH EFFORTS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THESE EFFORTS WERE TO ENSURE THE PRACTISE OF HIGH ISLAMIC VALUES AMONG THE MUSLIMS AND UNIVERSALLY GOOD VALUES AMONG THE NON-MUSLIMS.

SUCH EFFORTS WOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE MUSLIMS BUT ALSO THE NON-MUSLIMS, HE SAID IN HIS SPEECH OVER RTM TONIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH AWAL MUHARAM TOMORROW.

THE PRIME MINISTER URGED MUSLIMS TO TRULY FOLLOW AND PRACTISE THE ISLAMIC VALUES AND SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY.

MUSLIMS, HE SAID, WOULD NOT BE RESPECTED AND EMULATED AS LONG AS THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO SINCERELY DEMONSTRATE THE SANCTITY OF THE RELIGION. -- MORE 1923/OM

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE GLORY OF ISLAM, WITH ITS PURE VALUES IN ITS TEACHINGS, SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO THE NEEDS OF THE HEREAFTER BUT SHOULD ALSO COVER LIFE IN THIS WORLD.

HE SAID ISLAM ALSO FORBODE ITS FOLLOWERS TO REMAIN PASSIVE AND MERELY PRAY FOR BLESSINGS WITHOUT MAKING ANY EFFORT.

AS SUCH WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY TO WORK DILIGENTLY TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ISLAMIC VALUES, HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT IN CONJUNCTION WITH AWAL MUHARAM, THE PEOPLE SHOULD CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE AND RENEW THEIR DETERMINATION AND WORK IN THE SPIRIT OF HIJRAH OF THE PROPHET MOHAMAD.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT AWAL MUHARAM, WHICH MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE HIJRAH YEAR, HELD GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR MUSLIMS AS IT WAS THE DAY THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD WENT FROM MECCA TO MEDINA TO PLAN A NEW STRATEGY TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM SAFETY OF MUSLIMS AND THE VICTORY OF ISLAM. -- MORE 2024/OM

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AS SUCH THE EPISODE OF THE HIJRAH WAS AN EVENT THAT SHOULD CONTAIN MANY LESSONS FOR MUSLIMS IN FACING THE CHALLENGES OF LIVING.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE WHOLE STRUGGLE OF THE PROPHET MOHAMAD WAS BASED ON THE PURE PRINCIPLES OF ISLAM OF CONSTANTLY STRIVING, PATIENCE, PERSISTENCE, AND TRUSTING IN ALLAH.

HE SAID THE EVENT OF THE HIJRAH HELD MANY LESSONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA, THE MOST USEFUL FOR A MULTI-RACIAL COUNTRY WHOSE PEOPLE PRACTISED VARIOUS RELIGIONS BEING HOW THE PEOPLE OF MEDINA, WHO WERE OF VARIOUS NATIONALITIES AND PRACTISED VARIOUS BELIEFS, BECAME A UNITED COMMUNITY WHO UNDERSTOOD AND RESPECTED ONE ANOTHER.

+THE PROPHET MOHAMAD HAS PRACTISED ISLAM OTHER. AS A SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY LIFE BASED ON BROTHERLINESS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

+NOT ONLY DID THE MUSLIMS ACCEPT THIS SYSTEM OF LIFE BUT EVEN THE NON-MUSLIMS OBSERVED THE ISLAMIC VALUES WHICH IN FACT ARE UNIVERSAL VALUES, + HE SAID. -- BERNAMA 2040/OM