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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 7 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI D R MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAYS MUSLIMS MUST TRULY UNDERSTAND THE TEACHINGS OF THE QURAN AND HADIS IN THE HAKE OF THE XSLMIC REVIVAL WHICH IS FACING VARIOUS CHALLENGES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAYS IT IS INCUMBENT FOR ALL MUSLIMS TO PURSUE KNOWLEDGE WHICH IS EXHORTED BY ISLAM.

HE SAYS THAT MUSLIMS SHOULD EARNESTLY LEARN ALL THE COMPULSORY ASPECTS OF ISLAM TO PROTECT THEIR FAITH AND TO LEAD A LIFE BASED ON THE SYARAK LAWS.

IN HIS MESSAGE IN THE SECOND VOLUME OF THE COMPILATION OF HADIS IN THE PROPHET'S HADIS COMPILATION SERIES PUBLISHED BY THE RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, HE SAYS IT IS ENCOURAGED AND AT TIMES COMPULSORY TO LEARN THE OTHER ASPECTS COVERING THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF KNOWLEDGE TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN LIFE FOR A HIGHER LEVEL OF ISLAMIC CIVILISATION AS IN THE DAYS OF THE GLORY OF ISLAM.

THE LATEST VOLUME ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF WORSHIP, IN PARTICULAR PRAYERS, IS BEING SOLD AT THE ISLAMIC CENTRE AT \$13 EACH.

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STRESSING THAT THE QURAN AND HADIS CANNOT BE SEPARATED? THE PRIME MINISTER SAYS THAT THE QURAN EXPLAINS THE MAIN POINTS WHILE THE HADIS DWELL ON THE SUBJECT IN DETAIL AT AT LENGTH.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAYS THAT AMONG THE MAIN FACTORS FOR THE PROPAGATION OF ISLAM IS TO SPREAD KNOWLEDGE BY ERADICATING ILLITERACY AND IGNORANCE OF RELIGION.

HE HOPES THAT THE RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE PUBLISHING OTHER VOLUMES TO COMPLETE THE SERIES AS PLANNED, TO HAVE AN ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF HADIS, THE FIRST TO BE PUBLISHED IN BAHASA MALAYSIA.

THE SECOND VOLUME CONTAINING 44 PAGES HAS BEEN REVISED BY THE FEDERAL TERRITORY MUFTI, TAN SRI SHEIKH MOHSIN HAJI SALLEH.

IT WAS EDITED BY SHEIKH ABDULLAH BASHMIH WHO REFERRED TO 45 ISLAMIC BOOKS INCLUDING QURAN INTERPRETATIONS AND HADIS. HIS WORK TOOK TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE. -- BERNAMA 1255/WS