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EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AT 8.30 TONIGHT

KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 18th (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS CALLED ON MUSLIMS WHO HAVE BEEN BICKERING WITH ONE ANOTHER TO REPENT AND INSTEAD BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT THEY HAVE AND TO UPHOLD THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD AS REQUIRED BY ISLAM.

HE SAYS THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE NOT THANKFUL FOR WHAT THEY HAVE THEY BECOME ARROGANT AND THIS HE SAYS WILL BRING ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF SOCIETY.

IN A HARI RAYA MESSAGE TO THE NATION, HE SAYS THE TENDENCY TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SATISFYING SELFISH, SHORT-TERM NEEDS USUALLY LEAD TO DISUNITY.

IN THIS REGARD, HE URGES MALAYSIANS, PARTICULARLY MUSLIMS, TO HELP CREATE A +GRATEFUL SOCIETY.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAYS: +WE ARE THANKFUL TO ALLAH FOR THE HEALTH HE HAS GIVEN US TO ENABLE US TO OBSERVE THE FASTING MONTH.+
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+WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL FOR BEING ABLE TO LOOK TO THE NEEDS OF OUR FAMILIES, FOR THE PEACE OUR COUNTRY ENJOYS, FOR NOT BEING VISITED UPON BY CALAMITIES. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE.+

HOWEVER, HE SAYS THERE ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT COUNT THEIR BLESSINGS.

THE FEELING OF GRATITUDE, HE SAYS, WILL STRENGTHEN THE MUSLIMS' FAITH.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO EXPRESSES REGRET THAT THERE ARE SOME MALAYSIANS WHO HE SAYS DO NOT APPRECIATE PEACE, STABILITY AND ORDER.

HE SAYS THEY ARE NOT THANKFUL FOR WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY THE NATION AND EFFORTS TO ASSIMILATE ISLAMIC VALUES IN THE ADMINISTRATION. -- MORE

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INSTEAD, THEY ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE SOCIETY AND BLOW SMALL MATTERS OUT OF PROPORTION AND IGNORE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS THEIR ACTIONS WILL CREATE, HE SAYS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAYS THAT ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY +LET US GIVE THANKS AND REFLECT UPON THE BLESSINGS THAT ALLAH HAS SHOWERED ON US.+

HE SAYS THIS WILL ENABLE THE PEOPLE TO MAKE A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY AND THAT IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN AFFLICTED BY DISASTERS SUCH AS FLOODS, CYCLONES, DROUGHT, FAMINE AND MYSTERIOUS DISEASES.

SOME COUNTRIES, HE SAYS, ARE CAUGHT IN MILITARY CONFLICTS WITH OTHERS OR IN CIVIL WAR.

HE SAYS MUSLIM KILLING MUSLIM IN WEST ASIA IS MEANINGLESS AND ADDS THAT APART FROM THE LOSS OF LIFE AND DESTRUCTION THE MUSLIMS ARE NOT ABLE TO PRACTISE THEIR FAITH IN PEACE. -- MORE
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BUT, IN MALAYSIA, HE SAYS, THE PEOPLE ARE FORTUNATE TO BE FREE FROM SUCH STRIFE. AND EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE POOR PEOPLE IN MALAYSIA, THEY HAVE NEVER KNOWN FAMINE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAYS THAT IN MALAYSIA THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS AGAINST RELIGION. IN FACT, HE SAYS, PLACES OF WORSHIP ARE INCREASING IN NUMBER.

HE SAYS THE GOVERNMENT IS GRATEFUL THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE AND THE MAJORITY OF MUSLIMS REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF SOLIDARITY AS A FOUNDATION FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF PROGRESS IN THIS WORLD AND THE HEREAFTER.

WITH THIS IN MIND, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO GUARANTEE THE FREEDOM OF WORSHIP, HE ADDS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAYS HE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN THE SACRIFICES OF SECURITY FORCES PERSONNEL WHO ARE ON DUTY IN THE BORDER AREAS.

HE SAYS THE NATION WILL PRAY FOR THEIR CONTINUED SAFETY AND SALUTE THEIR SACRIFICES. -- BERNAMA

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