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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 7 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD STRESSED TONIGHT THE NEED FOR MODERATION AS PEACE, UNITY AND PROGRESS CAN BE DESTROYED BY EXTREMISM AND DISREGARD FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S VIEWS.

CLOSING THE ARMED FORCES QURAN READING COMPETITION HERE, HE SAID THAT SUCH AN ATTITUDE AMONG THE MUSLIMS WOULD ENHANCE THEIR UNITY AS WELL AS PROMOTE BETTER RAPPORT WITH NON-MUSLIMS.

+IN EFFORTS TO SPREAD THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM, ONLY THOSE WHO ARE MODERATE CAN SHOULDER THE BURDEN OF THE RESPONSIBILITY,+ HE SAID.

ON THE THEME +MODERATION ACCORDING TO THE QURAN+ FOR THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION, HE SAID IT WAS APT, STRESSING THAT MODERATION FOR THE ARMED FORCES DID NOT MEAN FIGHTING THE ENEMY HALF-HEARTEDLY BUT IT MEANT NOT INDULGING IN ACTS THAT WERE NOT RELATED TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THEIR STRUGGLE. -- MORE
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+AS MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, YOU ARE REQUIRED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF ALLAH AND THE NATION TO DISPLAY PERSEVERANCE AND EARNESTNESS IN OVERCOMING THE ENEMY, WITHOUT ALLOWING EMOTIONS AND GRUDGE TO CONTROL YOUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID MODERATION WAS ALSO AN APPROACH WHICH COULD GIVE RISE TO POSITIVE ATTITUDES IN FOLLOWERS OF ALL RELIGIONS TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF SUCCESS.

HE ALSO SAID THE ARMED FORCES RELIGIOUS CORPS, WHICH WOULD BE FORMED SOON, WOULD HELP TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS AWARENESS AMONG ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL BESIDES CURBING DEVIATIONIST TEACHINGS. -- BERNAMA
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