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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 27 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT COMMENDED THE EFFORTS OF THE WELFARE SERVICES MINISTRY IN ORGANISING A BREAKING OF THE FAST CEREMONY ATTENDED BY BELIEVERS OF OTHER FAITHS AS WELL.

+THIS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE, AUGURING WELL FOR A MULTI-RACIAL COUNTRY AS WE CANNOT AFFORD SEGREGATION BETWEEN BELIEVERS OF ONE FAITH AND THOSE OF ANOTHER.+ HE SAID AT A BREAKING OF THE FAST CEREMONY IN THE CHERAS REHABILITATION CENTRE AT 18KM JALAN CHERAS HERE.

THE FUNCTION WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 400 INVITED GUESTS AND INMATES OF WELFARE HOMES IN SELANGOR.

THE PRIME MINISTER DESCRIBED THE HOSTING OF DINNER FUNCTIONS FOR ALL RACES AND FOLLOWERS OF DIFFERENT FAITHS AS APPROPRIATE ESPECIALLY AMONG THOSE IN THE SAME LINE OF DUTIES.

+THE DUTIES REFERRED TO HERE ARE THOSE OF CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE AND THE HANDICAPPED,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THE FUNCTION WAS ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE AND SIGNIFICANT AS IT WAS HELD DURING THE FASTING MONTH WHEN ALL MUSLIMS STROVE TO FULFILL RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS.

FOR EXAMPLE, BY FASTING, MUSLIMS GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO THE DIFFICULTY OF HAVING TO FOREGO FOOD FOR SEVERAL HOURS, HE SAID.

+THIS WILL ALSO REMIND US OF THOSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FOOD AND SUFFERING FROM HUNGER AND STARVATION,+ HE ADDED.

MALAYSIA, HE SAID, WAS FORTUNATE AS IT WAS NEVER FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF FAMINE AS +THE COUNTRY NOT ONLY HAD ENOUGH FOOD RESOURCES BUT IT WAS ALSO CUSTOMARY AMONG US NOT TO SEE OUR NEIGHBOUR GO HUNGRY WHILE WE HAD FOOD TO EAT.+

THIS WOULD ALSO LEAD TO BETTER RELATIONS NOT ONLY AMONG MUSLIMS BUT ALSO WITH THE NON-MUSLIMS, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA  
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