

# Let's celebrate together, says Mahathir

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight stressed that any religious function must not be exclusively celebrated by a certain ethnic group but should instead be open for all.**

He said the involvement of other races in any religious function could foster goodwill and strengthen friendship among the people.

Co-operation among the people, he said, could result in a more prosperous and harmonious nation.

Dr Mahathir, who earlier joined 400 inmates from various old folk's homes, handicapped

and orphanage centres around the city in breaking fast at the Cheras Rehabilitation Centre, said that by fasting, Muslims in particular, would know the hardship faced by the poor.

"Fasting is not just an act of devotion — it also make people understand hunger and misery," he said.

He said it was the responsibility of the people to help the poor when the need arose.

Also present at the breaking of fast were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, Welfare Minister Datuk Haji Abu Hassan Haji Omar and Menteri Besar of Selangor Datuk Haji Ahmad Razali Mohamad Ali.