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**PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah wish all Muslims "Selamat Hari Raya."**

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## But don't go for short-term gains: Dr M

**KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the country's economy is showing encouraging signs of recovery with the rising demand for electronic components and increasing number of job opportunities in the sector.**

The Prime Minister, however, reminded those who were employed not to be drawn by short-term gains at the risk of their long-term future, which he said might spoil the chances of the jobless.

He said primary commodities, which were vital to the country's economy, still faced a depressed market and that the Government was doing its utmost to overcome the problems brought on by the drop in prices.

"We should bear in mind that production costs should be well below the selling price, but this requires skilful management and higher productivity from workers," he said in his nationwide Hari Raya message over radio and television.

Dr Mahathir said the people should take stock of themselves and recognise and rectify their weaknesses rather than lament the lack of investors coming to Malaysia.

He also called on Muslims to reflect on

those who were less fortunate, saying this would make them more sympathetic and willing to carry out welfare activities.

"Islam would be accorded greater respect if Muslims were considerate and co-operative.

"Muslims should be ashamed that non-Muslims have been active in extending aid to famine-stricken Muslims in Africa," he added.

Dr Mahathir said Muslims were now subject to pressing challenges and that whatever weaknesses they had were being exploited by those who wished to create disunity and undermine the resilience of Muslims.

He added that Muslims were being made use of through subtle means by the enemies of Islam.

Dr Mahathir said the country's enemies would not cease their destructive activities, not even on Hari Raya, which was why the security forces had to maintain vigilance.

He said the Government was coping with challenges realistically and resolutely, and was confident that with the people's awareness of the concept of sacrifice as advocated by Islam, the challenges and problems would be overcome.

He thanked members of the security forces for their sacrifices in serving the nation.