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MAHATHIR-MESSAGE
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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 4 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMMAD
TODAY URGED MUSLIMS TO FULLY PRACTISE THE LESSONS OF THE +HIJRAH+ TO
ATTAIN SUCCESS.

HE SAID PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S WILLINGNESS TO UNDERTAKE THE +HIJRAH+
(MIGRATION FROM MECCA TO MEDINA) CONSTITUTED AN INITIATIVE TO ALTER
HIS LOT IN HIS WORK TO PROPAGATE ISLAM.

+SIMILARLY, MUSLIMS MUST EMBARK ON EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS
FOR THEMSELVES, THE RELIGION AND THE COUNTRY,+ THE PRIME MINISTER
SAID IN HIS MESSAGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ISLAMIC NEW YEAR WHICH
BEGINS TOMORROW.

HE SAID THAT WITHOUT SUCH WILLINGNESS, SUCCESS WOULD NOT COME
THEIR WAY AS ISLAM DID NOT TEACH ITS FOLLOWERS TO MERELY SIT AND
WAIT FOR THEIR LOT TO IMPROVE.

+DESTINY DOES NOT PREVENT US FROM MAKING AN EFFORT. WHAT WE
RECEIVE AFTER WE HAVE MADE THE EFFORT IS ALSO ORDAINED BY GOD,+ HE
SAID. -- MORE

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MAHATHIR-MESSAGE 2 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MUSLIMS MUST WORK TO RID THEMSELVES
OF WHATEVER BAD POINTS THEY HAD BY MOVING TOWARDS THE GOOD.

THEY MUST DO AWAY WITH LAZINESS, PROCRASTINATION, PASSIVITY AND
NEGATIVISM, HE SAID.

+IN OTHER ASPECTS, WE MUST LIFT OURSELVES FROM LACK OF KNOWLEDGE
OR NARROW THINKING TO A LEVEL WHERE WE CAN BROADEN OUR MINDS FOR THE
BENEFIT OF MUSLIMS,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID MUSLIMS MUST CONSTANTLY WORK TO IMPROVE THEIR LOT --
FROM BEING POOR TO A MORE COMFORTABLE LIFE, AND FROM BEING LOOKED
DOWN ON AS A RESULT OF THEIR OWN SHORTCOMINGS OWING TO DIVISIVENESS,
IGNORANCE AND ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS TO BEING A COMMUNITY THAT WAS
RESPECTED AND A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.

HE CALLED FOR THE PRESERVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE +HIJRAH+
SPIRIT AMONG THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THEIR UNITY.
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MAHATHIR-MESSAGE 3 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THIS WAS APPROPRIATE SINCE THE
OBSERVANCE OF AWAL MUHARAM THIS TIME WAS BEING REFERRED TO AS THE
MA'AL HIJRAH, MEANING +IN TOGETHERNESS WITH HIJRAH+.

+THIS DOES NOT ONLY MEAN BEGINNING A NEW YEAR, BUT IS ALSO A
TIME FOR US TO RENEW OUR RESOLVE AND UNDERTAKE A CRITICAL
REASSESSMENT OF, AND INJECT NEW VIGOUR INTO, OUR LIVES,+ HE SAID. --
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