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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 26 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY URGED MUSLIMS IN THE COUNTRY TO STRIVE TOWARDS SELF-RELIANCE INSTEAD OF SEEKING SYMPATHY FROM OTHERS.

+MUSLIMS SHOULD ENDEAVOUR ON THEIR OWN TO ENSURE SUCCESS IN ANY PROJECT OR ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN AND AVOID DEPENDING SOLELY ON PROVIDENCE,+ HE SAID AT A GATHERING OF ABOUT 2,000 MUSLIMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MA'AL HIJRAH CELEBRATIONS AT THE ISLAMIC CENTRE OF MALAYSIA HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S MIGRATION FROM MEKAH TO MADINAH WAS AN ENDEAVOUR TO PREACH ISLAM AND STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF BELIEVERS.

THE FATE OF MUSLIMS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED SO LONG AS MUSLIMS THEMSELVES DO NOT WANT CHANGES, HE ADDED.

HE URGED MUSLIMS TO MAKE ATTEMPTS TO USE THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO INTRODUCE CHANGES NO MATTER HOW SMALL IF THESE COULD FACILITATE THEM IN CARRYING OUT THEIR ACTIVITIES. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IN FACING THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM, THE YOUNGER GENERATION SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DEVELOP IDLE LAND AND VENTURE INTO THE AGRICULTURAL AND MINOR INDUSTRIES SECTOR.

+WE SHOULD NEVER BLAME FATE FOR OUR FAILURES BECAUSE IF WE STRIVE AND SUCCEED, THAT WAS ALSO FATE,+ HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, WAS WORKING TOWARDS EMULATING THE STRUGGLE OF THE PROPHET IN STRENGTHENING THE FAITH, UPGRADING THE ECONOMY AND DEVELOPING KNOWLEDGE BESIDES FORMING AND PRESERVING AN ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT.

+IF THE GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR AND PRACTISES THRIFT, THIS IS BECAUSE IT ACCEPTS THE REALITY OF THE RECESSION AND WE NEED TO MAP OUT STRATEGIES TO SAFEGUARD OUR FUTURE.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE HIJRAH WHICH INVOLVED THE ELEMENT OF SHIFTING AND CHANGE WAS A KEY LESSON FOR ALL MUSLIMS WHO SHOULD CONSIDER CHANGING BASE ATTITUDES FOR MORE NOBLE VALUES DESPITE THE CHALLENGES INVOLVED. -- MORE

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HIJRAH, HE SAID, ALSO IMPLIED AN EMERGENCE FROM A SUPPRESSED POSITION FOR SOMETHING MORE ASSURING AND COMFORTING.

CITING THE RECESSION AS AN EXAMPLE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IF THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY WAS WEAK, IT SHOULD LOOK FOR WAYS TO STRENGTHEN ITSELF.

+WE SHOULD NOT TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PRESENT POSITION AND REFRAIN FROM TASKS CONSIDERED MENIAL OR DEGRADING, WHEN IN FACT THEY COULD HELP US ONCE THE SITUATION CHANGES,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS CONFIDENT THAT MA'AL HIJRAH CELEBRATIONS COULD BECOME A MEANS OF PROPAGATING ISLAMIC VALUES FOR THE WELL-BEING OF MUSLIMS.

EARLIER, MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR YUSOF NOOR HOPED THE CELEBRATIONS WOULD SIGNAL THE START OF EFFORTS TOWARDS BUIDING A PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY NOT SWAYED BY EMOTIONS AND DAYDREAMS. -- MORE

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+IT IS HOPED THAT MUSLIMS AND THEN MALAYSIANS WOULD CONTINUE TO DISCARD ALL WEAKNESSES SUCH AS THE DADAH HABIT AND MOVE TOWARDS BUILDING A BRAVE AND BRIGHT FUTURE.+

HE CALLED ON MUSLIMS TO AIM FOR EXCELLENCE THROUGH REFORMATION EFFORTS BASED ON A STRONG MODERATE APPROACH CARRIED OUT WITHOUT FEAR OR ANXIETY.

IN KOTA KINABALU, SOME 400 MUSLIMS JOINED THE YANG DIPERTUA NEGERI TAN SRI HAJI MOHAMAD SAID KERUAK AT A TAHLIL CEREMONY AT THE STATE MOSQUE HERE LAST NIGHT.

THE PRAYERS WERE LED BY CHIEF IMAM OF THE MOSQUE, HAJI MOKHTAR RAPOK.

PRESENT WERE SABAH RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS COUNCIL (MUIS) PRESIDENT DATUK HAJI ABDUL WAHID OTHMAN AND STATE POLICE COMMISSIONER HAJI AHMAD MAULANA S.M. BABJEE.

AFTER THE FARU PRAYERS, THE GATHERING HEARD A CERAMAH ON +MAAL HIJRAH CELEBRATIONS+ GIVEN BY UNIVERSITI MALAYA LECTURER USTAZ HAJI AHMAD ZAKI IBRAHIM. -- MORE  
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