

PM urges Muslims to forge closer relations

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. ¹⁹⁹¹
The Prime Minister has called on Muslims in the country to further strengthen the brotherhood among themselves with sincerity and commitment.

In his *Maal Hijrah* message, ~~Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad~~ said Islam always calls for the promotion of close ties and consensus because there is much wisdom in this.

A Muslim society which is united will be stronger, have a better record to achieve success and is able to face challenges, he said.

Dr Mahathir called on all Muslims on this glorious occasion to forsake all disobedience, do more works of charity and pray to God that Muslims everywhere are always grateful to be protected and blessed.

Dr Mahathir also called on Muslims to further fortify their spirits and fortitude of heart and be ready to sacrifice to achieve their ambitions in the future.

Many examples of the achievements of Muslims are to be found in history, he said, adding that Muslims today can also attain success and become respected and highly dignified if they strive for it, are disciplined and confident.

"And when we have succeeded, such success will itself be an effective way of spreading the message of Islam, if Allah so wills."

He also urged Muslims to remind themselves of the sacrifices made by Prophet Muhammad and his companions and draw lessons from them.