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MALAYSIA UPHOLDS PRINCIPLES STRENGTHENING MULTIRACIAL FOUNDATION

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 20 (Bernama) -- Malaysia successfully upholds principles which strengthen the multiracial foundation by providing social justice, fair distribution of the economy and sound political cooperation, and placing high value on solidarity. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

It was this strength of the multiracial society that opened up a world of opportunities for the people to pursue progress and prosperity, he said.

"It also paved the way for Muslims in the country to lift their economic position, level of mastering knowledge and their efficiency," he said in his message in conjunction with Ma'al Hijrah 1414.

The message was sent by Dr Mahathir who is in China on a 10-day visit since last Sunday.

Dr Mahathir said there were wide opportunities for propagation of Islam in the country under the present government administration. -- more

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He also said that Muslims in the country should thank God for being able to live in peace unlike their brethren in most other countries.

He said it was most saddening what was happening to Muslims in the world.

"They are subjected to abuse, exploitation and disrespect by others. In several countries, Muslims are murdered, tortured, raped and jailed indiscriminately, as what is happening in Bosnia-Herzegovina," he said.

"It is more saddening to know that Muslims elsewhere are unable to help their brethren who have been subjected to cruel acts because they did not have the strength and freedom to do so," he said.

"What we can do is only watch the atrocities being committed against Muslims and hope that the powers of the world will be fair and act accordingly," he said. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said that though there was divine intervention in everything that happened, Muslims in the country should not remain idle but must strive to strengthen the self.

He said Muslims in the country could help their brethren in other countries to strive for peace and help in the development of Muslims without exploiting the non-Muslims.

"With the development achieved, we can do without the assistance of others, which can restrict our independence," he said. -- Bernama

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