

Be more tolerant, Dr M tells Muslims

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ALOR STAR: Muslims must adopt a tolerant attitude and be considerate towards other religions in the country, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

They should also extend their charity towards non-Muslims, he added.

"We must not only receive from others but give as well to the non-Muslims as well," he said.

He explained that on festive occasions, such as Christmas or Chinese New Year, the less fortunate including Muslims received contributions from non-Muslims.

"However, when Hari Raya Puasa comes around, Muslim individuals and organisations limit their contributions only among Muslims," he said.

He said this when opening the the Darul Aitam Walmasakin Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Orphanage here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir also added that such attitude must not prevail in a multi-racial country as this could lead others to develop a poor opinion about Islam.

If Muslims wanted others to respect their religion, he said they must avoid discrimination.