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PM REMINDS MUSLIMS TO PRACTISE MODERATION

LANGKAWI, Feb 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight advised Muslims to be more open-minded and to enhance the spirit of tolerance and moderation.

Citing an example, he said they should not dismiss the good things done by people they did not like or blindly accept all that was done by people they liked.

Such negative attitudes could undermine the solidarity of Muslims in the country, he told a gathering after a breaking of fast at the Masjid Al Hana here.

History showed that the fall of the Islamic empire was due to conflicts between people who were obsessed with their own races, he said.

"We do not want what befell Muslims then to happen in this country," he said.

He said apart from using the Quran, hadis and sunnah for guidance, Muslims should also take cue from the history of Islam.

Dr Mahathir also said the world had recognised Malaysia as a prosperous Islamic country and he hoped no one would try to change this.

The MP for Langkawi Datuk Haji Abu Bakar Taib was among about 500 people present at the ceremony. -- Bernama

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