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Mahathir-Deepavali

REMOVE ALL PREJUDICES, SAYS DR M

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged Malaysians to try their best to remove any trace of prejudice or suspicion which still exists among certain sections of the community.

There was no doubt that the racial harmony and unity existing in the country had brought about extraordinary stability and progress, he said in his Deepavali message.

It was difficult to get a similar situation in other countries with various races, cultures and religions, he said.

He and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali wish Malaysian Hindus a "Happy Deepavali".

In expressing his happiness that religious festivals could be observed peacefully in the country, Dr Mahathir said Deepavali was yet another occasion for strengthening racial ties as people of other faiths would visit their Hindu friends during the celebration.

Malaysia was very fortunate to have people of various races and religions who were tolerant towards one another, he said.

He said the government was striving to produce a race with positive culture and life values.

He was confident that if Malaysians continued to practise moderation in their stand, the people and the country would reach greater heights. --

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