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USE QURAN AS GUIDE, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

JITRA, Feb 5 (Bernama) - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today advised Muslims to refer to the Quran and Hadis for guidance whenever confronted with issues that could cause confusion to the ummah.

The teachings in the Quran and the Hadis could help to clear the confusion, he said.

"Because of all sorts of confusion arising now, I refer to the Quran and Hadis for guidance," he said at a breaking of fast with the people at Masjid Al-Aqla, near here.

He said it was not difficult to understand the contents of the Quran and Hadis since translations in Bahasa Malaysia and English, written by Muslim scholars, were now available.

Dr Mahathir said some people had doubted his knowledge of the religion and Quran but "I refer to the Quran using computer software with translations in Bahasa Malaysia and English".

To prove his point, Dr Mahathir brought along his computer notebook complete with the Quran software.

After delivering his speech, Dr Mahathir showed those present how to use it.

He said Islam did not ask its followers to be cruel and to create confusion, but advocated peace, harmony and the values of community living.

The Quran commanded Muslims to be good with fellow Muslims and non-Muslims, except the enemies of Islam, he said.

The people should be thankful for being able to coexist peacefully although they were of different races and religions, he said.

The presence of non-Muslims at this function provided them an opportunity to learn more about Islamic values and what the religion demanded of its followers, he said.

"The current trend of major hotels and restaurants offering breaking of fast packages which are also patronised by non-Muslims has strengthened community relations," he said.

Also present were his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff. -- Bernama