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DR MAHATHIR WISHES CHRISTIANS MERRY CHRISTMAS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, wished Malaysian Christians a Merry Christmas.

He expressed the hope that the people would continue with the tradition of visiting their friends who celebrate Christmas tomorrow.

"We are thankful that our people of the Christian faith can celebrate their festival in peace and harmony this year," he said in his Christmas message, issued by the Prime Minister's officer, here, today.

He said although the country was facing economic problem, it would not affect the Christmas cheer.

"We are fortunate because the economic problem that we are facing is not too severe. However, the people must be prepared for any eventuality," he added.

The prime minister said that in the present situation, the people must sacrifice and step up efficiency and productivity to maintain the country's competitive edge.

They must also save, avoid wastage and only buy essential goods.

"The government is very thankful that the people understand the problem it is facing and are pitching in to help the government overcome it.

"With such cooperation and the people closing ranks, I believe we can overcome the current economic problem," he said. -- BERNAMA

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