

PM: Acquire knowledge ¹⁹

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It's the only way to be on par with others, Muslims told

LANGKAWI: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged Muslims in the country to acquire knowledge that will put them on par with others.

He said Muslims can be as capable as the others if they were committed and worked hard.

"We are weak because we have not acquired the knowledge which would enable us to compete with others.

"Therefore, it is important for us to acquire the skills and knowledge in areas such as electronics and computers.

"This knowledge will put Muslims on a stronger platform where they do not need the help of others to defend themselves," he said before breaking fast at the Bayas mosque here on Friday.

Also present were Dr Mahathir's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Menteri Be-

sar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid and Agriculture Ministry parliamentary secretary Datuk Abu Bakar Taib.

Dr Mahathir said the aggression and oppression against Muslims in certain countries existed because the Muslims there had failed to acquire the appropriate knowledge to defend themselves.

He said to defend themselves, Muslims required sophisticated weapons.

"In fact, Muslims should become stronger and would be able to help Muslims in other countries like what we did in Bosnia-Herzegovina," he said.

Dr Mahathir also reminded Muslims to continue to be thankful that they were able to fast peacefully during Ramadan.

"This is something which is not enjoyed by everyone even in Muslim countries," he added.