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REVIVE GLORY DAYS OF ISLAM, SAYS MAHATHIR

MELAKA, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- Efforts must be made to revive the glory days of Muslims and Islam by holding true to Islamic teachings, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He said history had shown that the glory days of Muslims came about because they constantly held true to the teachings and prohibitions of Islam.

Hence, efforts should be made to restore the glory so that Muslims would not continue to be backward and oppressed, he said in his foreword in the souvenir programme of the 41st National Quranic Recital.

Dr Mahathir will open the six-day recital themed "Kesejahteraan Negara, Tanggungjawab Kita" (National Wellbeing Our Responsibility) at Stadium Kubu, here, tomorrow.

He said Muslims in the country must work to restore the good name and dignity of Islam and Muslims in the world.

He hoped that the recital, which is held annually to make Muslims appreciate reciting the Quran, would enhance their understanding of the contents of the holy book.

"Through understanding the contents of the Quran, it is hoped that our faith in Islamic teachings will be stronger in our daily lives.

"This is sure to bring prosperity and progress to the lives of Muslims," he said.

Melaka, is the first state to be hosting the recital for the second time, having played host in 1984. The states take turns to host the national event.

A total of 27 qari and qariah are taking part in the recital which will be closed by Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabudin Al-Haj on Saturday.

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