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Raya Message-Sakaran

BE THANKFUL FOR PEACEFUL HARI RAYA, SAYS SAKARAN

KOTA KINABALU, Jan 18 (Bernama) -- Muslims in the country should be thankful that they are able to celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri in a peaceful and harmonious atmosphere, Sabah Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai said.

Such a situation probably did not exist in some other countries that were still grappling with war and the economic downturn, he said in his Hari Raya message, here.

"The peace in this country would not have been possible without the dilligence, care and commitment of the government led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said.

Sakaran called on all Malaysians to appreciate the peace and stability enjoyed by the country and strive to curb all forms of negative activity that can affect unity and harmony.

"All bitter experiences and enmity among themselves should be averted by the Muslims in Malaysia so as to further enhance unity among the multiracial population," he said.

Sakaran also called on Muslims who are better off to share the Hari Raya joy with the poor and orphans by giving them aid.

Support should also be given to the government, especially in dealing with the economic slowdown, he added.

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