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CARE FOR ELDERS, FOSTER GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS - DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the love for senior citizens and good neighbourliness through healthy interaction must be nurtured and promoted to create a caring, harmonious and united society.

The Prime Minister said leaders must also be respected and assisted to enable them to discharge their duties and serve the people effectively.

" The teachings of Islam propagated by Rasulullah gave priority to brotherhood, mutual respect and love for one another in society," he said in his message in the souvenir programme in conjunction with the national-level Maulidur Rasul celebrations at the Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil, here.

Dr Mahathir, however, said in reality family ties, feelings of brotherhood and mutual respect among communities were waning.

This reflected the attitude of certain members of society who have neglected their responsibilities to their families and religion.

He said the celebrations to commemorate the birthday of Rasulullah was a meaningful event for Muslims as they could enhance their faith and understanding of Islam preached by prophet Muhammad through such functions.

Dr Mahathir said the prophet was born at a time when the people were ignorant of the teachings of Islam but he managed to change their lifestyle to that of Islamic way of life in only 23 years.

The success was based on the strong influence for human development, high moral values and practising the true teachings of Islam, he added.

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