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Dr M: Don't let politics hurt unity

LANGKAWI, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has reminded Muslims in the country not to let politics disunite and weaken them.

He said Muslims, regardless of their political beliefs, should remain united in order to be strong enough to counter the enemies of Islam.

"We should try to unite... the politics we should adopt are the politics of uniting ourselves to face the enemies of Islam and of the country," he said.

The Prime Minister added Islam taught Muslims to unite and, in the spirit of brotherhood, counter enemies who wanted to control the country and oppress them.

"There is nothing in the kitab (books on religion) that says a group of people with a certain political belief should fight another group with another political belief," he said in his address at the Ar-Rahman mosque in Kedawang, near here before joining other Muslims to break fast tonight.

Also present were his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, Langkawi Member of Parliament Datuk Abu Bakar Taib and Kuah assemblyman Tan Sri Sanusi Junid.

The Prime Minister said Ramadan was a good time for Muslims to foster better ties.

In mosques, Muslims, regardless of their political beliefs, have only one objective - to perform their religious obligations, he said.

Dr Mahathir added that Malaysia, being an Islamic country, was also sensitive to the problems of Muslims in other countries.

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