

## Shop to your heart's content, Mahathir tells Malaysians

'Shop to your heart's content' is the advice given by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when he tabled Budget 2002 at Dewan Negara.

He said Malaysians should spend their money because this will not only cheer up the upcoming festivals but also contribute to the country's economy.

He said Malaysians will be celebrating Hari Raya, Christmas, New Year and Chinese New Year festivals, and with the additional income they have, through individual income tax cuts, bonus payouts and other allowances, they can enjoy the holidays.

"Let's beautify our cities, towns, villages and

houses. Let's prove to the world that Malaysia is a peaceful and prosperous country," he said.

Mahathir also had a few words of advice for Muslims, who will be celebrating Aidil Fitri.

"In several Islamic countries, their people are suffering because of war, violence or some other tragedy. Thank God our country is peaceful. We can perform our religious duty of fasting without any complication and disturbance," he said.

He said this is because of the hard work of Malaysians in developing the country and the government's emphasis on the people's welfare.

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