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JOIN THE WORLD IN RECOGNISING M'SIA'S ISLAMIC CAUSE, NAJIB TELLS PAS

PEKAN, June 26 (Bernama) -- The choice of Malaysia as the proposed headquarters of the Islamic Financial Services Organisation (IFSO) exemplified world recognition of the country's role in the pursuit of the Islamic cause, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

Even opposition parties like PAS could not ignore or belittle this recognition when other Muslim nations acclaimed Malaysia as being at the forefront of Islamic banking, said Najib who is an Umno vice president.

"As such no one can belittle Malaysia's accomplishment in that field," he said when approached by reporters after the launch of a padi harvesting festival by Sultan Ahmad Shah of Pahang in Kampung Pulau Jawa here today.

Najib, who is the MP for Pekan, said by not acknowledging Umno's accomplishment in improving the lot of Muslims, PAS would only reinforce the conviction that it was merely politicising religion for own political ends.

"If they are truly Islamic with noble and sincere intentions, they cannot totally dismiss what we have accomplished for Islam internationally," he said commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's disclosure yesterday that the proposed IFSO would be headquartered in Malaysia.

Najib said Umno was unperturbed by PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor's statement yesterday that the opposition party would go all out to discredit Umno incessantly.

"Despite the threat, we will likewise go all out to defend Umno's image and ensure correct public perception of the government," Najib added.

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