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Mahathir-Thankful

LEARN FROM AFGHANS' EXPERIENCE, SAYS DR M

LANGKAWI, Dec 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has asked the people to learn from the plight of the Afghans and be thankful for the good life Malaysians are enjoying.

"When the people in this country are thankful, relations between them will improve and the blessings will increase," he said.

The people especially Muslims should learn from the sad experience of the Afghans or the same fate might befall them, he said before joining residents to break fast at Masjid KEDA Kampung Wang Tok Rendong in Kuah here tonight.

He said the people would realise how fortunate they have been if they looked at the pitiful conditions of the Afghanistan people.

"Be grateful for God's blessings for being able to live in a country like Malaysia which is endowed with various facilities and adequate food and for being able to perform our religious obligations safely and comfortably," he said.

The prime minister said Muslims in this country are a fortunate lot as they are living in a land of plenty without fear of being oppressed.

"Remember, if we are always grateful, God will multiply our blessings, and if we are not grateful it is a sign that tragedies will hit us with terrible consequences," he said.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir checked on the progress of development projects in Langkawi.

Soon after arrival at the Langkawi International Airport this afternoon, Dr Mahathir boarded a "working cable" to inspect the cable car project from the peak of Gunung Machinchang.

The project, scheduled to be operational in April next year, links the Oriental Village integrated shopping complex in Teluk Burau to the 708m tall Gunung Machinchang.

The RM45 million project, jointly undertaken by Dopple-Mayer of Austria and a local company, is now 60 per cent complete.

Accompanying him on the visit were Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain and project consultant Dr Peter A. Wyss.

Among other projects the prime minister inspected were the RM29.6 million Pantai Kok coastal rehabilitation project in Telul Burau and the proposed yacht building and repair centre in Tanjung Lembung.

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