

# Upgrade business, Malay traders told

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ALOR STAR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in praising the Kedah Halal Food Hub for operating the first meat shop in the state, has urged Malay traders to upgrade their businesses from roadside stalls to well-equipped premises.

"The Meat Shop is an example that Malay traders can improve themselves by introducing better shopping concepts and services," he said.

Dr Mahathir and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali were on a day's visit to Kedah yesterday where he also visited the Meat Shop in Jalan Lencongan Barat.

In an earlier function at Dewan Jitra in Jitra, Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah gave away cash and Hari Raya goodies to 300 single mothers and 150 orphans from Felda

settlements in Kedah and Perlis.

Later after breaking fast with villagers in Kampung Gelong Rambai in Tunjang, Jitra, Dr Mahathir urged Muslims not to be misled by certain quarters who suggested that they should not strive to be grateful or acquire only religious teachings at the expense of modern knowledge.

He said it was paramount for Muslims to be appreciative of the comfortable life bestowed by Allah's grace and the Government's ability to nurture Allah's gifts.

He added that they should be grateful for the sacrifices of the armed forces.

It was important to balance the need to seek religious teachings and acquire the latest available skills, he said.