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KING REMINDS MUSLIMS TO AVOID SPIRITUAL VACUUM

KUALA LUMPUR, May 25 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Tuanku Putra Jamalullail today advised Muslims to prevent the problem of spiritual vacuum engulfing them as has happened in most western societies.

Launching the national level Maulidur Rasul celebrations at Stadium Putra, Bukit Jalil, here, His Majesty said if spiritual development was neglected, humankind's life would become empty.

It would be a life without any direction and beliefs and the mind would become open to all kinds of influences that would be damaging, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong said.

Devoid of spirituality humankind would become inclined to committing wicked and immoral things thus creating a whole range of social problems in society, the King said.

"Spiritual development is very important to clean the soul and mind of all internal sickness which usually brings humankind to evil and destruction of life."

He said sickness such as pride, arrogance, obstinacy, envy, complacency and forgetting oneself would not only create problems to the person concerned but also to the rest of society, stifling its progress and retarding national development.

Also present were Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid, the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin said Muslims should also strike a balance between their spiritual development and progress and wellbeing in this world.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong gave praise to Allah that development in Malaysia was in tandem with the requirements of Islam.

The Government while giving attention to physical development of the country and its people was also paying equal attention to the development of Islam.

"Islam has not only found a place in national administration but all policy directions and the development process are in line with universal Islamic values," he said.

The King advised Muslims to acquire knowledge in all fields and be efficient in the economic, technological and military sectors.

"With this strength, Muslims can face challenges and competition and speak up in the international arena in the cause of Islam and its followers who have been long oppressed."

The Yang di-Petuan Agong reminded Muslims to cherish and emulate the noble life of Nabi Muhammad S.A.W by loving peace, unity and family life.

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