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MUSLIMS CELEBRATING AIDILFITRI WITH FULL OF JOY

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 6 (Bernama) -- Muslims across the country are celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri with prayers in mosques, madrasah and surau, visits to the graves of their loved ones and hosting open house for their friends and relatives.

Hari Raya this time comes amidst strong national economic recovery but with the world facing much political turmoil.

In KUALA LUMPUR, Their Majesties the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid attended Aidilfitri prayers at the National Mosque. They were accompanied by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife Datin Seri Hendon Mahmood and Muslim members of the foreign diplomatic corps.

After the prayers, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong clad in a light green Malay Baju and the Prime Minister exchanged greetings with the faithful.

Most Muslim families in the Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory have returned to the homes of their parents and loved ones in other states to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

In SERI MENANTI, the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Ja'afar and the Tuanku Ampuan, Tuanku Najihah attended Aidilfitri prayers at the Masjid di Raja Tuanku Munawir, Seri Menanti.

Their Royal Highnesses and other members of the royal household later attended a tahlil at the Royal Mausoleum in Seri Menanti.

Tuanku Ja'afar and the Tuanku Ampuan then hosted open house at Istana Besar Seri Menanti.

Thousands of people visited the open house of Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad at his official residence in the Seremban Lake Gardens.

In KUALA KANGSAR, Sultan Azlan Shah of Perak offered Aidilfitri prayers at the Ubudiah Mosque.

He was accompanied by the Raja Muda of Perak, Raja Nazrin Shah, Raja di-hilir of Perak, Raja Jaafar Raja Muda Musa and members of the Perak royal household. Also saying their prayers at the Ubudiah Mosque were Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali and Deputy Home Minister Datuk Zainal Abidin Zin.

Sultan Azlan visited the Royal Mausoleum before hosting open house at Istana Iskandariah.

Tajol Rosli will hold open house at his Jalan Tambun residence in Ipoh city between 3pm and 5pm.

In KUANTAN, Sultan Ahmad Shah of Pahang attended prayers at the Sultan Ahmad 1 State Mosque. The Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdullah and the Tengku Muda Tengku Abdul Rahman were present.

Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob and Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob were also present.

In his Hari Raya message Sultan Ahmad Shah said Muslims should be grateful to Allah for being able to celebrate Aidilfitri in an atmosphere of peace and prosperity.

Datuk Seri Adnan in his message urged the people of all races to strengthen unity to ensure the country's continued progress and stability.

In ARAU, the Regent of Perlis Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Syed Sirajuddin

Putra joined thousands of people for Aidilfitri prayers at the State Mosque.

After the prayers he visited the Arau Royal Mausoleum of Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, his late grandfather.

The Regent and the Raja Puan Muda, Tuanku Lailatul Shahreen Khalil Akashah hosted open house at Istana Arau from 9.30am.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, who is also the Raja of Perlis and the Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid will attend a Hari Raya banquet at the Komplek Warisan in Kangar tomorrow.

Their Majesties are scheduled to arrive in Kangar this evening and will only return to Istana Negara in Kuala Lumpur on Dec 10.

In KUCHING, Sarawak Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin Abang Barieng joined about 3,000 Muslims for Aidilfitri prayers at the Masjid Jamek in Petra Jaya.

Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, Sarawak Tourism Minister Datuk Sri Abang Johari and other state dignitaries were also present.

Later Tun Salahuddin and his consort, Toh Puan Norkiah hosted Aidilfitri open house at the Astana in Petra Jaya while the Chief Minister and Puan Sri Laila Taib held open house at the Stadium Perpaduan in Petra Jaya.

Di KUALA TERENGGANU, Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin and Permaisuri Nur Zahirah attended Adilfitri prayers at the Masjid Al Mutafibillah Shah, Kampung Ladang.

They were accompanied by Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang and other state executive councillors.

Sultan Mizan, who is also the Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Permaisuri Nur Zahirah later visited the Royal Mausoleum, after which they hosted open house at Istana Maziah.

In PENANG, THE Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas attended Hari Raya prayers at the State Mosque together with some 2,000 people.

Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahaya and House Speaker Datuk Yahya Abdul Hamid also held open house.

In KOTA BAHARU, the Sultan and Raja Perempuan of Kelantan offered Aidilfitri prayers at the Masjid Muhammadi.

The Sultan and the Raja Perempuan of Kelantan then celebrated Hari Raya with Muslims at Istana Balai Besar from 9.15am to 10am. They then visited the Royal Mausoleum at Langgar.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat attended Hari Raya prayers at the Pulau Melaka Mosque and after that held open house at his residence on Pulau Melaka.

In ALOR STAR, the Sultan and Sultanah of Kedah, the Raja Muda, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain joined thousands of people for Aidilfitri prayers at the Masjid Zahir.

The Sultan and Sultanah of Kedah hosted open house at Istana Anak Bukit from 10am while the Menteri Besar and his wife Datin Seri Sharifah Hamidah Syed Hamid welcomed well wishers to their open house at Seri Mentalon.

In KOTA KINABALU, Sabah Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai attended Hari Raya prayers at the State Mosque in Sembulan.

After the prayers, Tun Sakaran and his consort Toh Puan Hajah Siti Rukaiyah Panglima Abdullah received visitors to their open house at Istana Negeri.

Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Chong Kah Kiat was among the state dignitaries who visited the open house.

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