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DISCARD MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ISLAMIC REQUIREMENTS- KING

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail today urged Muslims to discard misconceptions about Islamic requirements.

"Some have the mistaken belief that Islam is confined to rituals such as prayers, fasting, giving tithes, performing the Haj and so on."

They were of the view that economic and social development, ensuring security and other things involving worldly needs were not part of Islam, he said when launching the national-level Maulidur Rasul celebrations at Stadium Putra, Bukit Jalil, here.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin said this thinking was wrong as worldly needs and requirements were also part of Islamic exhortations and religious obligations of the Ummah.

The Islamic religious obligations would have to be carried out by all Muslims particularly by the country's leaders who had been given the power to administer, His Majesty said.

The various efforts implemented by the government had reached a level which had marvelled other Islamic and developing countries and Malaysia was regarded as a model among them, he said.

"Certainly we are very proud of this achievement and this situation will have to be improved upon regularly with all parties discharging their respective responsibilities," he said.

His Majesty reminded Muslims that wellbeing in this world and the hereafter would not come about by itself without the people striving for it.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin urged Muslims to continue building upon their achievements so that the Ummah and the country would always excel in all fields.

Through their faith in their religion, Muslims had been able to live their lives well and carry out their religious obligations in peace without any harassment, he said.

The government which had the responsibility to administer this country and the people had right from the beginning planned and implemented various programmes to bring about progress and development, His Majesty added.

These programmes and religious obligations covered all fields as demanded by Islamic teachings and had been implemented by the administrative machinery at all levels.

Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid, the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife Datin Seri Endon Mahmood were also present.

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