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MALAYSIA PROVES THAT ISLAM FAVOURS PEACE

LANGKAWI, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- Muslims in this country have proven that Islam favours peace and has no quarrel with followers of other faiths, said Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said this was proven when non-Muslims also attended gatherings for the breaking of fast which also showed to the non-Muslims that the Muslims had no quarrel with them.

"We see non-Muslims also attending the breaking of fast like the one being held at this mosque and this enables them to understand the teachings of Islam and remove any doubt with regard to the Muslims," said the former Prime Minister when addressing the people at the breaking of fast at the Ulu Melaka old mosque, here today.

He said Muslims preferred peace and there was no reason for them to quarrel with the followers of other faiths, as long as these non-Muslims did not wage war against the Muslims.

He hoped that the solidarity demonstrated by the people of various races and religions would be maintained to ensure that the country continued to enjoy peace and prosperity.

At the function, Dr Mahathir's wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali presented Hari Raya goodies to 16 single mothers and elderly people, contributed by Bakti, the Welfare Organisation of Ministers' and Deputy Ministers' Wives.

Dr Mahathir, who arrived at Langkawi International Airport at 1.30pm today, had earlier visited the Telaga Harbour Park development project at Pantai Kok and later boarded a yacht to the Royal Langkawi Yatch Club in Kuah.

Later he visited Galeria Perdana, where all the gifts and souvenirs received by Dr Mahathir throughout his tenure as Prime Minister are displayed.

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