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RELIGIOUS DEEDS NOT ONLY FOR MERIT, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

JITRA, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today urged Muslims not only to think of earning the "pahala" (merit) when they perform the "ibadah" (religious deeds) but also to be aware of problems suffered by others.

The Prime Minister said the ibadah demanded by Islam should bring Muslims awareness and realisation of other people's hardship.

"If we are not hoping for the pahala for only ourselves, it will indirectly transform (us) into noble characters," he said at the function to hand over cattle for the Aidiladha sacrifice at the Paya Pahlawan abattoir complex near here.

He said the religious deeds like the performance of the Aidiladha sacrifice, paying tithe and fasting would create Islamic values and make a person aware of the hardship faced by the under-privileged.

"When the people have sympathy, sensitiveness and consideration, then a contented and thankful society will be created," he said.

Dr Mahathir expressed confidence that the country's peace and progress would enable the people to enhance performance of their respective religious obligations and deeds.

"Perfection in performing the ibadah will create better mankind in line with the Islamic teachings," he said.

At the function, more than 70 heads of cattle, contributed by corporate firms and individuals, were distributed for the Aidiladha sacrifice at Umno branches in Kubang Pasu division.

Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain were also present.

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