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PM extends Wesak Day greetings, calls for unity

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today urged the people to maintain unity as this was the only way the nation could be saved from attempts by those trying to take control of the country by force.

The Prime Minister said with the uncertainties in the world today, where the rich and powerful have ultimate power to oppress the weak and poor, Malaysians had been very fortunate to be able to maintain their sovereignty and freedom.

"We can continue enjoying this by maintaining close unity among the various races and religions," he said in his message in conjunction with Wesak Day tomorrow.

"We have a high degree of tolerance and respect for one another."

Dr Mahathir urged the people to take the opportunity during the Wesak Day holiday to visit friends and further strengthen ties.

"I am thankful that like in previous years, Malaysians can again celebrate Wesak Day with joy and festivities."

Dr Mahathir and his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali wished Buddhists a happy Wesak Day.