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**HARI RAYA MESSAGE BY THE DEPUTY  
PRIME MINISTER OVER RADIO MALAYA  
ON 5TH MARCH, 1962**

I wish "Selamat Hari Raya Aidil Fitri" to all Muslims in Malaya—men and women alike. As you know this is the fifth occasion on which we are celebrating our hari Raya since the great day we achieved independence, so let all of us together show our gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings he has bestowed on us.

Since Merdeka we defended the peace of our country to the utmost and we have carried out our promises, and because of this we find now that our country is enjoying peace and prosperity.

Last year in 1961 our Government launched the Second Five-Year Plan for rural development costing approximately \$2,100 millions. Our Government is determined to improve the conditions and standards of living of our people, especially of those in the rural areas, so as to enable them to better their means of livelihood and to taste to the full the fruits of their labour.

Our development plan has gone ahead smoothly and successfully throughout the Federation. Those without land are being given land under the development plan. Facilities such as roads, water supplies, schools and clinics are being introduced into the kampungs. Everywhere the conditions prevailing in the kampungs have changed for the better and the people are receiving these improvements and changes with much enthusiasm.

Because of the efforts undertaken by our Government to bring these changes about, I now call on all Muslims to give to the Government their whole-hearted cooperation. Make it your determination to take part, to work hard and to persevere.

While we are celebrating our Hari Raya let us also pledge to alter our way of life so that by our perseverance and by the efforts of the Government we will achieve a better standard of living for all of us, for our families, and for our descendants.

Selamat Hari Raya Aidil Fitri.