

Zahid: Respect other religions, for them to honour ours
MalaysiaKini.com
Dec 28th, 2015

Malaysians should respect the religions of one another to ensure their own religion is respected, says Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

He said festivals celebrated together by the people in the country such as Christmas was a manifestation that Malaysians, despite their different religious beliefs, could respect the religions of others.

"The differences in religions to us are uniqueness for followers of all religions as it was mentioned in the al-Quran as, 'You are with your religion, I am with my religion.'

"The harmony we preserve despite the different religions, races, cultures, languages and backgrounds as Malaysians will strengthen our solidarity forever," he said when opening the 2015 Malaysia Christmas Open House at Proclamation of Independence Memorial Square in Bandar Hilir, Malacca, tonight.

Also present were his wife Hamidah Khamis; Tourism and Culture Minister Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz; Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Joseph Kurup; and, Malacca Chief Minister Idris Haron.

Ahmad Zahid said differences among the people in Malaysia would not cause them to be divided but it was a symbol of uniqueness of the people in the country.

Therefore, he called on Malaysians to stay united and live harmoniously despite the differences.

He said the incident involving a small group which felt it was victimised by traders should not be turned into a problem involving race.

"Such misunderstandings are small problems which would be dealt with accordingly, by the police.

"Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, as the prime minister was always committed to seeing the country peaceful and prosperous, which were the foundations established by the national leadership before and after independence."

Ahmad Zahid said the aspirations of early leaders were for Malaysians to defend togetherness, harmony and prosperity which should be understood by the present generation.

- Bernama

Copyright © 1999-2012 Mkini Dotcom Sdn. Bhd
Source: <https://www.malysiakini.com/news/324672>