

King Calls On People To Maintain Unity
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KUALA LUMPUR -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin last night expressed confidence that peace-loving Malaysians would not be susceptible to the attempts by irresponsible people to disrupt order.

He said Malaysians, despite their different religions, cultures and ways of life, had proven that they could live in peace and with mutual respect for one another.

"I want all Malaysians to maintain this unity for the continued prosperity of our beloved country," he said in his address in conjunction with his birthday today, carried live over RTM.

Tuanku Mizan said he was grateful that the people of all races and religions had been protected from distress and disorder.

"The peace and prosperity we enjoy today did not come on a silver platter, but was nurtured painstakingly through unity and cooperation among the citizens regardless of race and religion," he said.

Tuanku Mizan said Malaysia was slightly affected by the global economic turmoil brought on by the rise in the oil price in the international market, which he felt was beyond control.

However, he said he was happy that the government retained the prices of RON95 petrol, diesel and LPG.

"I hope this decision (of the government) will be able to ease the burden of the people in terms of their daily expenses," he added.

Tuanku Mizan said he hoped that with the retention of the prices, there would not be any attempt by irresponsible people to raise the prices of essential goods.

He also expressed condolences to the families of the 16 victims of the landslide which hit the orphanage, Rumah Anak-Anak Yatim dan Anak-Anak Hidayah Madrasah Al-Taqwa, in Hulu Langat, Selangor, on May 21.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong expressed the hope that the nation's prosperity under the 1Malaysia concept would continue, with the people pooling their resources to excel in various fields.

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