

PM: Policing is an honourable duty

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the task of policing to maintain peace and security is *fardu kifayah*, or an obligation that has to be fulfilled in accordance with Islam Hadhari.

Abdullah, who is also Internal Security Minister, said every government had to maintain peace in its country.

He said Islam encouraged an individual to take up the job of a po-

liceman because the duty called for the maintenance of peace in the country.

"And, when an individual chooses to become a policeman and assumes the responsibility that goes with the job, it becomes *fardu ain* (an obligation) for him to carry out the responsibility," he said in a speech at the *tahlil* ceremony in conjunction with the bicentenary of the police force at the Bukit Aman mosque here.

Present were Internal Security Deputy Minister Datuk Mohd Johari Baharum, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan and Chief of Defence Forces Jen Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Zainal Abidin.

Earlier, Musa handed over to Abdullah the Islam Hadhari blueprint of the Royal Malaysian Police.

Abdullah said peace could be maintained by policing and, therefore, the call was equivalent to that in Islam.

Peace could bring about development and establish a civilised nation with a people of high integrity, he said. "It is an honourable thing that is contained in the Quran and Hadith."

Furthermore, such a concept in Islam Hadhari was acceptable to Muslims and non-Muslims, he said. It was a fact that Islam gave importance to the progress and success of its followers, he added.
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