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# PM calls for culture of respect and unity

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**KEPALA BATAS:** Malaysians should practise the culture of respect, cooperation and togetherness amongst all races as these are the characteristics of "Bangsa Malaysia", Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said yesterday.

"These are the main characteristics of our race 'Bangsa Malaysia,'" he said in his speech after visiting several mosques in Kepala Batas and Tasek Gelugor in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidil

Adha.

Abdullah urged Malaysians to help each other regardless of race, religion or culture.

"We are a multi-cultural and multi-racial country so we should all overlook our differences in race, religion and culture to help and understand each other instead of only staying within our own religions or cultural groups," he said.

He said in the creation of a caring society, Malaysians must avoid negative words which may give rise to unwanted situations.

"Malaysians should remember

that the country is still developing step by step and it is a peaceful and harmonious country.

"We do not have any disagreements on religions or religious disputes. What we have are just dissatisfaction with regards to the economy, not religion," he said.

Whatever the problems, he said, it should be the main choice of Malaysians to help, respect and understand each other.

"We should use respect and consultation to resolve any issues. This is the intelligent way to solve any problem," said Abdullah.