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Preserve country's peace and harmony, says Dr Mahathir

LANGKAWI: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has reminded Malaysians to continue preserving peace and harmony among the different races as disunity would only bring adverse effects.

He said a peaceful situation would allow the people to focus on improving their living standards, as well as attracting more foreign direct investments into the country.

"People here should learn from incidents outside the country and should always be alert and reject any attempt to destabilise peace and unity.

"These two factors have enabled us to live prosperously," he said in his speech at

the Chap Goh Mei night at Dataran Pekan Rabu Kuah here on Friday.

Present were Langkawi member of parliament Datuk Abu Bakar Taib, Kuah state assemblyman Datuk Nawawi Ahmad, Langkawi MCA division chief Datuk Chen Liau Weng and Langkawi district officer Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani.

At the function, Dr Mahathir and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali as well as Abu Bakar, Nawawi and Chen, threw oranges at the seafront to launch the occasion.

More than 2,000 guests had thronged the venue since 6pm for the celebrations as well as to greet the former prime minister.



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad (second from right), his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and other guests joining in the tossing of yee sang at the Chap Goh Mei night at Dataran Pekan Rabu, Kuah, on Friday.