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Muslims celebrate in moderation

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Foreigners meeting former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad after prayers at the Putra Mosque in Putrajaya. Pic by Fariz Iswadi Ismail

PEACEFUL BLESSINGS: Prayers, offerings carried out in the true spirit of sacrifice

KUALA LUMPUR

MUSLIMS celebrated Hari Raya Aidiladha on a moderate scale yesterday, in appreciation of sacrifice as required by Islamic teachings. Aidiladha is of great significance for Muslims worldwide and is celebrated in memory of the sacrifice made by Prophet Ibrahim and Prophet Ismail in obeying Allah. Muslims performed their prayers in the morning, followed by sacrificial offerings at mosques, villages and housing estates. This year, Hari Raya Aidiladha fell on the holy day of Friday and Muslims congregated again at mosques for the Friday prayers. Major mosques around the Klang Valley saw throngs of Muslims performing the Aidiladha prayers. About 10,000 people, including foreigners, thronged the National Mosque here yesterday. They came to perform the Aidiladha prayers as well as listen to the sermon. The Kampung Baru Mosque saw about 4,000 people gathering for prayers yesterday morning. At the Al-Amaniah Mosque in Batu Caves, about 1,000 people started congregating in the compound as early as 7.30am. The car

park was used for prayers as well. Other mosques also carried out community sacrificial offerings of cows, including the Khalid Al-Walid Mosque and Al-Iman Madrasah at the Defence Ministry headquarters in Jalan Semarak and Taman Sri Gombak, Phase 7, respectively. Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Hamidah joined millions of Muslims from around the world in performing the hajj this year. In his Hari Raya Aidiladha message, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said he hoped that the day would be celebrated in a peaceful, prosperous and blessed manner. He urged Muslims to appreciate the concept of sacrifice taught by Islam, that is, willing to sacrifice time, money and one's self to attain Allah's blessings. Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin called on Muslims in the country to renew their spirit and strengthen their determination to build true unity among the ummah. In Perak, Hari Raya Aidiladha was celebrated with the slaughtering of hundreds of cows as sacrificial offering after the morning prayers. The state government donated 130 cows while hundreds of livestock were sacrificed by individuals. In Kedah, the Zahri Mosque in



The faithful praying at the National Mosque in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Pic by Saifulizan Tamadi



Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah being greeted by people at the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Mosque in Shah Alam. Bernama pic

Alor Star was the main venue for local leaders, who came to pray together, regardless of their political inclinations. They proceeded to their constituencies for the sacrificial offering after the prayers. In Kelantan, Sultan of Kelantan Sultan Muhammad V performed prayers with about 5,000 people at the Muhammad Mosque in Kota Bharu. The prayers were led by grand imam Mohamed Hanafizi Abdullah of the Kelantan Islamic Affairs and Malay Customs Council. In Terengganu, Sultan of Terengganu Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin performed prayers with more than

1,000 people at the Al-Mukftai Bil-lah Shah Mosque in Ladang, Kuala Terengganu. He was accompanied by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said. In Perak, Raja Muda of Perak Raja Dr Nazrin Shah and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir joined about 1,000 people for prayers at the Abu Bakar AS-Siddiq Mosque at the General Operations Force Camp in Ulu Kinta. The state government's annual sacrificial offering programme, Korban Perdana, collected RM1.7 million from state agencies and statutory bodies. The funds were used to

buy livestock for sacrifice at the state and district level. In Pahang, Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdulillah Sultan Ahmad Shah and Tengku Puan of Pahang Tengku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Sultan Iskandar joined about 2,000 people, who congregated at the Sultan Haji Ahmad I State Mosque. Present were Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, state executive councillors and government officers. The prayers were led by Pahang mufti Datuk Abdul Rahman Osman. In Selangor, Sultan of Selangor

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Mohd Qawi Yushainor, 6, and his sister, Nurbaity Yushainor, 4, in a playful mood after the sacrificial offering at Surau Al-Ukhuwah in Taman Desaria, Kuala Lumpur. Pic by Saizen Hafis

Mobile slaughter units in the pipeline

SHAH ALAM: The Department of Veterinary Services will gather data on korban (sacrificial offering) from government and private abattoirs to implement a new guideline and standardise procedures involved in the slaughtering of animals. Its director-general, Datuk Dr Abdul Aziz Jamaluddin, said the move would ensure meat products were hygienic and safe to consume. He said in future, the department

would place mobile slaughterhouses in designated areas to enable the slaughtering of animals for those unable to do so at existing abattoirs. "The department will deploy enforcement officers to monitor the slaughtering of livestock during Hari Raya Aidiladha to ensure the process is carried out according to Islamic teachings," he said after attending the sacrificial offering at the Shah Alam Abattoir Centre yesterday.



Sultan of Kelantan Sultan Muhammad V (third from left) and Tengku Mahkota Kelantan Dr Tengku Muhammad Faiz Petra (second from left) join people for prayers at the Muhammad Mosque in Kota Bharu. On the left is state Umno liaison committee chief Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed. Pic by Zaman Huri

Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah performed prayers with about 20,000 people at the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Mosque. Present was Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim. Grand imam ustaz Ahmad Mustafa Mohd Sidin Al-Muqri led the prayers. The congregation included students from the Al-Madrasah International University as well as foreign workers. In Negri Sembilan, Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz ibni Almarhum Tuanku Munawir joined about 500 people for prayers at the Tuanku Munawir Royal Mosque in Seri Menanti. He was accompanied by Tuanku Ampuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud and other

members of the royal family. Their royalties later attended a tahlil ceremony at the Seri Menanti royal mausoleum. Tuanku Muhriz also attended the sacrificial offering at the mosque. In Malacca, Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Mohd Khalil Yaakob joined a congregation of about 7,000 for prayers at the Al-Azim Mosque here. Present was Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam. The state-sponsored sacrificial offering of 19 cows would be held at the mosque today. In Sabah, Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Juhar Mahiruddin joined about 5,000 people for prayers at the state mosque in Sembulan, Kota Kinabalu. Present were community leaders and heads of state and federal departments. Bernama



Members of the General Operations Force meeting Raja Muda of Perak Raja Dr Nazrin Shah at the Abu Bakar AS-Siddiq Mosque at the General Operations Force Camp in Ulu Kinta, Perak. Bernama pic

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