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# PM: National leadership recognised internationally

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**RESPECT:** Nations laud policies that benefit the people, says Najib

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said national leadership is gaining more recognition and respect worldwide, especially among Muslim nations, because of policies that provide facilities to the people of the countries concerned.

He said Saudi Arabia, for example, looked highly at Malaysia to the extent that a Malaysian company was given the trust to implement major projects in that country, such as handling the operations of the Metro Line railway services connecting Arafah, Muzdalifah and Mina.

“Prasarana (Prasarana Malaysia Bhd), a government-owned company, was awarded the contract to run the Metro Makkah Arafah, Muzdalifah and Mina railway services and the RM900 million contract has brought pride to the nation.

“This is also another success for our transformation to the extent that we can penetrate the interna-

tional market, and it is a recognition of Muslims in the country.”

He said this at the presentation of contributions in conjunction with Ramadan to mosques, surau and senior citizens in the Chini area in Kampung Bukit Udang near here yesterday.

Present was the chairman of the state committee on Felda Affairs Datuk Abu Bakar Harun, who is also state assemblyman for Chini.

In addition, he said, cordial diplomatic relations with the Saudi government also enabled the haj quota for Muslims in the country to be increased from time to time.

“Too many Muslims in this country cannot afford to perform the haj

pilgrimage to the extent that if they are born today, they can only perform the pilgrimage 71 years later, that is, about 10 years after their retirement.”

He said forging cordial relations with other countries was his responsibility as prime minister to ensure that Malaysia continued to be respected by other countries.

“However, as a member of parliament, I also have to discharge my responsibilities in the best manner possible to constituents.”

Najib handed over cash contributions amounting to RM1,200 to 59 mosques and RM800 to 160 surau, as well as dates. **Bernama**