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## PM: Maintain spirit of care and co-operation

PETALING JAYA: As Hari Raya AidMtri approaches, leaders are urging Malaysians to cherish and maintain the spirit of care and co-operation.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, in his Hari Raya message, expressed hope that the spirit of care and cooperation, which he described as part and parcel of Ramadan, would be maintained.

"The holy month is not solely a time to fast but to educate the soul, and to cherish the relationship between family and friends.

"My wife . Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone *Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri. Maaf Zahir dan Batin*," he said.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said he hoped Muslims would maintain the peace and harmony of the nation and avoid animosity, whether among Muslims or non-Muslims.

"Islam is a religion of brotherhood, and teaches us to respect one another.

"If we can practise this true teaching of Islam, I believe we can maintain the peace and harmony in the multi-cultural, multi-religious Malaysian society," he said.

Muhyiddin also urged Malaysians not to be easily influenced by those inciting hatred, and to be open to forgiving one another to strengthen the bonds of unity among the *rakyat*.



**All in order:** Private secretary to the Prime Minister Shahrir Mohd Aripin (front right) and his team checking on the final preparations for the Hari Raya open house at Seri Perdana in Putrajaya.

"To the urbanites going back to their hometowns, have a safe journey.

"Abide by the traffic rules, be very patient and ensure the safety of your families and other road users," he said.

In a separate message, Malaysian Associated Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Maicci) president Tan Sri K.K. Eswaran urged revellers not to forget the less fortunate during the festive season.

"I also pray that Malaysians will

be more sensitive and positive in helping to create Malaysia, a more equitable, free country with a stable social and economic development.

"We should be sustaining our independence, harmony and peace to achieve prosperity," he said.