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Najib: Factionalism only weakens solidarity

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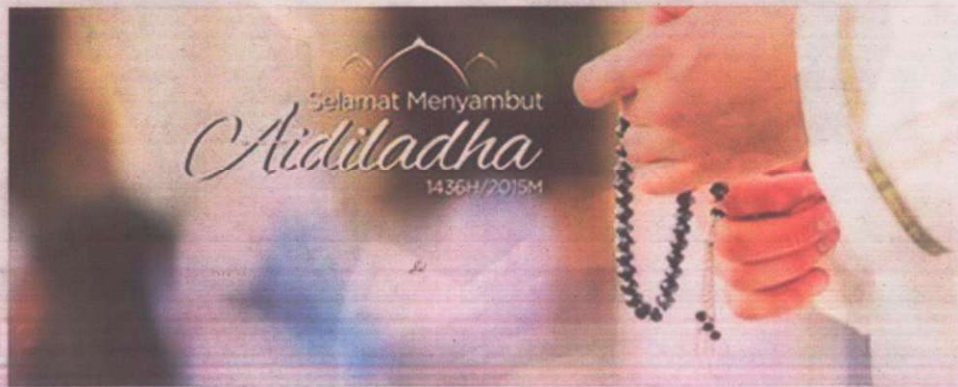
MESSAGE: PM advises Muslims not to overstep boundaries

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Najib Razak updated their cover photo.

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A screenshot of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's (inset) Facebook account's cover photo, which carries a Hari Raya Aidiladha message.

FACTIONALISM will only weaken the solidarity, power and dignity of Muslims, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

In his Hari Raya Aidiladha message, the prime minister advised Muslims to practise moderation in all matters and not to overstep boundaries, as prescribed in Islam.

"For the sake of Islam and the future of our nation, it is time for us to unite and work together regardless of political leanings to preserve the peace in the country and the Federal Constitution, which has been challenged by certain quarters," he said in his blog, najibrazak.com, yesterday.

He also wished all Muslims a prosperous Hari Raya Aidiladha and wished those travelling back to their hometowns a safe journey.

"On this auspicious day, millions of Muslims around the world will celebrate Hari Raya Aidiladha, while those performing their pilgrimage will gather at Arafah to complete their hajj.

"Aidiladha requires us to appreciate the meaning behind the ritual.

"It is also a time for us to re-evaluate how much we have learnt from

this day and make it a lesson in our lives," he said.

Najib reminded the people that the Muslim world viewed Malaysia as special and the best model of the development of a Muslim state.

"As such, let us unite and preserve the unity of our multiracial community to ensure the stability of the country."

He said Islam taught the meaning of peace, unity and equality, and Muslims were called upon to respect other religions to foster harmony.

He said borrowing the theme from recent National Day and Malaysia Day celebrations, "Sehat! Sejiwa",

Muslims should be ready to sacrifice, unite and express their solidarity, especially on matters concerning faith and morals.

"We should never cooperate with those who want to use us as a stepping stone to achieve their aims and objectives, to the extent of dividing the nation."

Najib extended his condolences to the families of those affected by the recent tragedy at the Mecca Grand Mosque, which claimed the lives of several Malaysians.

"May their families be given strength and patience to weather the challenges. May Allah SWT bestow the best of rewards upon them."

