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PM: Choose leaders wisely

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MODERATION: People should pick them on the basis of Islamic principles, says Najib

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PEOPLE should make the right judgment when choosing the country's leaders to ensure that current policies can be sustained for continued peace and prosperity.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday said the moderate policies, which were applied according to Islamic principles by the country's leadership, had helped to create a harmonious atmosphere and were accepted by all quarters.

"The concept of *wasatiyyah* or moderation adopted by the country's leadership will ensure the country's peace and security.

"The choice (of leader) has to be correct, based on Islamic principles, balanced, not extreme and not too strict.

"The rakyat have to choose the right leadership to prevent them from facing uncertain situations like what has happened in certain Muslim countries.

"If we fail (to pick the right leader), we will have to face the consequences."

Najib, who is also Pekan member of parliament, said the peace and prosperity enjoyed by Muslims had allowed them to fulfill their religious obligations, including fasting, during the month of Ramadan.

"Muslims should be thankful that this month, they can devote themselves to Allah in stable and peaceful conditions without anxiety. This is different compared with some Muslim countries

where people feel threatened and live in fear.

"Recently, Malaysia received a second batch of 3,000 Syrian refugees and we have given them protection.

"The hardship and difficulties shared through

their experience should be a lesson for people in the country."

Najib, who had earlier performed *asar* prayers at Masjid Kampung Pulau Serai here, handed assistance of RM1,200 and RM800 to 60 mosques and 166 surau respectively in the state capital to hold activities during the fasting month.

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Datuk Seri Najib Razak