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LIVESTOCK FOR 'KORBAN'

Companies donate 793 cattle for Aidiladha

PUTRAJAYA: Millions of Muslims around the world are preparing for the coming Hari Raya Aidiladha celebration, including getting livestock for *korban*.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday received 793 cattle from 16 companies, including Sapura Holdings Sdn Bhd, JL99 Group, Naza Corporation Holdings Sdn Bhd, Maju Holdings Sdn Bhd, Ahmad Zaki Resources Bhd and DRB-Hicom Bhd.

Out of the total number of cattle received, 458 would be distributed to mosques and surau in Pekan district, while the rest were for areas outside the district.

Hari Raya Aidiladha is one of the most important events in the Islamic calendar. It honours Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son, Ismail, as an act of obedience to Allah's command. But, with Allah's mercy, a ram took Ismail's place at the last moment.

It also signifies the end of the haj, the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca. On this day, Muslims will sacrifice cows, goats, lambs and even camels in remembrance of Prophet Ibrahim's devotion to Allah. The meat will be distributed to families and neighbours, as well as the needy.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak with representatives of companies that handed over cattle for Hari Raya Aidiladha in Putrajaya yesterday. With them is Pekan Umno secretary Datuk Ahmad Azmey Abu Talib (second from left). PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

