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Najib: Watch your words

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PM urges Muslims to stop bad habits during Ramadan

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak called on Muslims to stop their bad habits and be careful with what they say, especially during the holy month of Ramadan.

The Prime Minister said he was very impressed with the call by Zimbabwe Mufti Ismail Menk for all Muslims to stop their bad habits.

“We should all be careful with our words, avoid making accusations or spreading lies because these actions are detrimental and can lead to destruction,” he said in his blog www.najibrazak.com yesterday.

Najib said he believed that being careful with what is spoken was not something new to Muslims and Malaysians.

“Even from school days, we were taught that words, once uttered, could not be taken back and could have detrimental effects.

“In English, there is the saying ‘If you have nothing good to say, say nothing’, often used as a reminder or guide,” he said.

Najib said besides enduring hunger and thirst, Muslims were also encouraged to embrace the spirit of Ramadan which is full of blessings and forgiveness from Allah.

“The blessings are multiple and Allah has promised that all sins will be forgiven for those who fast with full faith and sincerity,” he added.

Later, Najib, who chaired the National Export Council Meeting in Putrajaya, said he was elated over Malaysia’s robust economic performance in the first quarter of this year.

Najib, who is also the Finance



Making a point: Najib chairing the National Export Council Meeting in Putrajaya. — Bernama

Minister, said Malaysia’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at 5.6% with higher private consumption and investment as the main driver of growth supported by better performance in the external sector.

“Malaysia continued to register a trade surplus of RM18.9bil,” he said. He said both exports and imports

grew at 21.4% and 27.7% to RM224.7bil and RM205.8bil respectively, in the first quarter of 2017.

Present were International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri

Ahmad Shabery Cheek and Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong.

Najib also congratulated Second International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Ong Ka Chuan, who was appointed a member of the National Export Council. — Bernama