

# Siti Hasmah: We should be grateful for peace

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Prime Minister's wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali urged Malaysians to always be grateful for the peace in the country and pray for the well-being of the security forces.

Recounting her experiences when she visited Malaysian security forces who were based in Konjic, Bosnia, Dr Siti Hasmah said the country's heroes based overseas carried out their duties with absolute loyalty and should be praised for their professionalism.

"My husband (Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad) and I visited the security forces in Bosnia... at that time, the country was at war.

"We were really proud to see our heroes under the banner of the United Nations carrying out their duties in a very professional manner, and our security forces were well-known because they were good at building hospitals which had specialist doctors," she said in a speech at an event to present Hari Raya contributions at Wisma Pertahanan here yesterday.

Dr Siti Hasmah is also the president of Kasih Malaysia, an association of Pakatan leaders' wives.

On another matter, she reminded the public to preserve the sustainability of the national forests and the wildlife in them.

"Our forests are not only for humans but also for animals... I am using this opportunity to promote the Malayan tiger because if we are not careful it will be extinct and all that we have left are their photos on the T-shirts of our footballers," she said.



**Helping hands:** Dr Siti Hasmah packing Hari Raya goodies at Wisma Pertahanan in Kuala Lumpur. With her are (from left) Navy chief Admiral Datuk Mohd Reza Mohd Sany, Mohd Zuki, Liew, Mohamad and Zulkifli. — Bernama

The contributions were handed over to Defence Minister Mohamad Sabu. Also present were Deputy Defence Minister Liew Chin Tong, Defence Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohd Zuki Ali and MAF Chief Gen Tan Sri Zulkifli Zainal Abidin.

At the event, the MAF received zakat (tithe) contributions from Affin Islamic Bank Bhd (RM500,000), Koperasi Angkatan Tentera

Malaysia Bhd (RM350,000) and Affin Hwangs Investment Bank Bhd (RM300,000).

Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd also contributed tithes amounting to RM300,000 to the MAF Veterans Foundation.

The MAF Family Welfare body (Bakat) ATM also prepared 15,000 bags of goodies to be distributed to MAF personnel on duty locally or overseas during Hari Raya. — Bernama