

# ISMAIL SABRI: NO ONE WILL BE LEFT BEHIND

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PM says govt established Gagasan Keluarga Malaysia to ensure everyone benefits from development agenda

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**D**ESPITE having a population of various races, religions and ethnicities, Malaysia remains a strong and harmonious nation, which has helped it to prosper, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

He said the close ties among the multi-racial and multi-religious societies in the country were built on a foundation of mutual understanding, tolerance and care for each other.

This spirit, said Ismail Sabri, was adopted by the government to establish a new philosophy in the country's administration — "Gagasan Keluarga Malaysia".

"This philosophy is reflected in the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) and the 2022 Budget to ensure that everyone reaps the benefits from the country's development agenda.

"I want to stress again that no one will be left behind under the 'Keluarga Malaysia' (Malaysian Family) philosophy," said Ismail Sabri in his speech at the launch of the 2021 National Family Month celebration at the Perdana Botanical Garden here yesterday.

Present were Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rina Harun, Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad and Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim.

Also in attendance was Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali.

Ismail Sabri also announced that starting this year, the annual National Family Month would be known as "Malaysian Family Month".

He said the celebration, usually held in November, would serve as a platform to strengthen ties and enhance inclusivity among Malaysians.

Ismail Sabri said a more united

society would subsequently help the nation prosper.

"Apart from the participation of ministries and state governments as the main drivers of the programme, the government hopes the private sector, non-governmental organisations and the community will take part to ensure the objective of the programme to protect the well-being of the people is met," he said.

On the rebranding of the celebration, he said this was in line with the objectives of the National Family Policy to develop the wellbeing of families so that they were healthy, strong and resilient in facing future challenges.

"The 'Keluarga Malaysia' concept will remain as the philosophy in the country's administration.

"The government remains committed to giving the best to the people," he said.

At the same event, Ismail Sabri announced that he would chair the Keluarga Malaysia Foundation, which has been allocated RM25 million to assist children who became orphans after their parents died from Covid-19.