

PM: PROPHET IS BEST ROLE MODEL OF LEADER

He created clear policies, political stability and destroyed discrimination to unite people

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PROPHET Muhammad is the best role model of a country leader who has successfully unified the people of different backgrounds as a huge family.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said as the "khalifah" or head of country, the Prophet built Madinah by outlining clear policies to achieve and strengthen stability.

"Sahifah Madinah (the Charter of Madinah) that he introduced for political stability was well received by the people of Madinah, regardless of religion and race.

"The policies in Sahifah Madinah created the elements of equitability, particularly in affairs of the people so that they lived with respect towards each other. It upheld responsibility and unified them as a family," he said in a

speech broadcast live yesterday in conjunction with the Maulidur Rasul celebrations, in observance of Prophet Muhammad's birthday.

Ismail Sabri said the spirit of Maulidur Rasul must be kept alive and instilled in the heart of every Muslim as a proof of faith in Prophet Muhammad, despite celebrating modestly in the new normal.

He said Maulidur Rasul was not merely to observe the birthday of the beloved Prophet, but it also carried a huge meaning to humanity.

"Rasulullah was a role model, who upheld *ukhuwah insaniah* or brotherhood between the people. He strived to destroy any form of discrimination that existed in the name of religion, race, skin colour or tribe.

"This shows that Islam is a religion that is built on the principles of honouring humanity or *takrim al-insan*, based on Allah's commandment in Surah al-Isra', Verse 70 — 'Indeed, We have honoured the children of Adam.'"

The principles were also in line with the Federal Constitution, among others, Article 12, which provided right to education for all without discrimination, be it religion, race, lineage or place of birth, he said.

Ismail Sabri said Rasulullah also prioritised health and eco-

nomical aspects, ensuring that the wellbeing of the people was prioritised and encouraged them to advance in the agriculture and business sectors.

He said as the government had faith in Prophet Muhammad's leadership as the best role model, it would take his initiatives and strategies as guidance in the country's administration.

This, he said, would be done for the wellbeing of the Malaysian Family.

"For that purpose, policies, initiatives and incentives would be introduced and planned by the government in ensuring that no one in the Malaysian Family will be left behind from enjoying the country's benefits and prosperity. No one will be left behind.

"The theme for this year's Maulidur Rasul celebration, 'Manhaj Rabbani Ummah Berkualiti', brings us to the norms that emphasise the principles of *Manhaj Rabbani*, namely *rahmat* (blessings), *aman* (peace), *bertuhan* (God-fearing), *bakti* (service), *adil* (justice) and *insani* (humanity)."

Ismail Sabri said these values were in line with the Malaysian Family concept, which emphasised three main cores — inclusiveness, togetherness and gratitude — apart from 20 other values. Among them were courteousness, faith, love and



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob delivering a speech that was broadcast live in conjunction with Maulidur Rasul celebrations in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC TAKEN FROM PM'S FACEBOOK PAGE

musyawarah (discussion), he said.

"The theme is also in line with the National Unity Policy that is based on the 'Unity in diversity' concept, where national unity and integration have long been practised in the country, including in celebrating Maulidur Rasul.

"As a Malaysian Family, we must work together in restoring the country, in facing the challenging economic and health crises, apart from familiarising ourselves with the new normal."

Differences should be seen as advantages, instead of weaknesses, while similarities were the source of strength, he said.

Ismail Sabri also urged the people to strengthen unity with love and tolerance as a huge Malaysian Family.

"Whoever we are — a father, mother, son, neighbour, worker, head of office, community leader, religious leader or politician — each one of us has a role in restoring the country for the wellbeing of the Malaysian Family."

He said the honour of Islam, as well as the unity of a nation and country lied in unification and coherence.

"Rasulullah, for example, made peace agreements with various tribes living near Madinah's northern and southern regions to enhance common understanding and renew relationships based on truthfulness, while preventing unrest and power struggle.

"Don't let differences in beliefs, foundations or approaches cause the loss of long-forged values of camaraderie (*ukhuwah*) and spirit of unity."