

PM: SET ASIDE EGO TO BUILD UP MALAYSIA

Lesson of Prophet Ibrahim's sacrifice basis of upholding trust, says Anwar

FUAD NIZAM
KUALA LUMPUR
news@nst.com.my

DATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday called on Malaysians to set aside ego in order to build a strong nation regardless of race, especially in helping the weak and marginalised.

Citing the sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim, his wife Hajar and his son Prophet Ismail in showing obedience to Allah, the prime minister said it formed the basis of upholding trust and fulfilling the aspirations of the nation's future generation.

"This is our determination and promise.

"Together we unite, and move forward towards a nation that is developed, prosperous

and compassionate to its people.

"To Malaysians who are performing the haj in the holy land, I pray for a blessed haj and a safe journey home," Bernama reported him as saying in his Aidiladha

message on Facebook.

Anwar said on the 10th of Zulhijjah every year, Muslims all over the world sacrificed animals as an act of worship, in commemoration of the holy sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim and his family.

"Amid scarcity, in a dry and uninhabited land, it is still fertile, showered with faith and love and

the sincerity of the soul, as commanded by the Almighty.

"It is this sacrifice that is the basis of a holy struggle to restore the dignity of the people and guarantee justice for all," he said.

In Putrajaya earlier, Anwar joined the congregation at the Putra Mosque to perform Aidiladha prayers.

After the prayer, a sermon titled "The Meaning of Sacrifice" was delivered by Putra Mosque chief imam Sala-

hudin Ghozali.

Among the 20,000 congregants at the mosque were Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail and former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.



"It is this sacrifice that is the basis of a holy struggle to restore the dignity of the people and guarantee justice for all."