

# PM: INTERNALISE HAJ'S MESSAGE

Anwar urges Muslims to remain humble and not be mesmerised by wealth

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**T**HE unrivalled strength of performing the haj is reflected through the appreciation and practice of its rituals, said Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The prime minister said that while the opportunity to travel to Makkah to perform the haj was one of the greatest blessings from Allah, it must be noted that pilgrimage had its own spiritual objectives aimed at transforming a person to be more humble and modest.

"When donning the simple

white clothing, we are taught values of cleanliness and simplicity. All luxurious attire and honorary badges must be left behind.

"Similarly, when standing on the plains of Arafah, it is a massive gathering regardless of status, rank, and title, and this instils a sense of humility and submission before the Almighty.

"From this lesson, I invite Muslims to internalise the message of simplicity inherent in the haj rituals, to remain humble and not be mesmerised by the temporary allure of worldly wealth," he said in his Hari Raya Aidiladha message posted on Facebook.

Anwar reminded Muslims not to deviate from the true purpose

and said the world should be used as a bridge to the eternal hereafter.

He also urged the people not to forget the less fortunate, and share God's blessings with them.

"I pray that the pilgrims in the holy land achieve an accepted haj and return home safely."