



Anwar and Ali Jum'ah (left) at the event in Shah Alam yesterday. - **BERNAMAPIC**

Centre growth of nation on essence of Islam, Muslims urged

SHAH ALAM: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has urged Muslims in the country to make Malaysia a *Madani* nation that is centred on the strength, spirit and essence of Islam.

He said the country's development must not only be achieved and driven by new discoveries but also be rooted in the strength of Islamic faith and morals.

"And as our shared responsibility, let's live by increasing the sincerity of *al-amal lillahi taala* and at the same time, embrace this spirit in our daily lives."

He was speaking during the Darul Ehsan Berselawat event in conjunction with the Turath Islami Festival Selangor at the Shah Alam Stadium on Sunday.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari and former Grand Mufti of Egypt Prof Dr Ali Jum'ah were present at the closing ceremony, which was attended by about 50,000 people.

The festival, held from May 26, aimed to revive the *turath*, or the study of classical Islamic texts in the daily lives of Muslims.

Anwar called on Muslims to embody and practise the spirit of Islam in all circumstances and places.

He said such efforts must come from a sincere conscience, be it at home, school, office or when carrying out duties in ministries or as government officers.

He also thanked Amirudin and the Selangor government for their initiative in organising the event, thus invigorating the determination of Muslims to appreciate and honour Prophet Muhammad PBUH. - Bernama