

'LEARN FROM PROPHETS' SACRIFICES'

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Anwar highlights Hari Raya Aidiladha's deeper lessons

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, in his Hari Raya Aidiladha message, called on Muslims to draw on the lessons of sacrifice and noble values exemplified by Prophet Ibrahim and Prophet Ismail.

He said the example set by Prophet Ibrahim, in the form of the ultimate sacrifice by a father and prophet, carries not only wisdom but also a model of "dakwah" rooted in a culture of healthy and vibrant discourse.

"Prophet Ibrahim did not engage in monologues," he said in a Facebook post yesterday.

"Instead, he encouraged his congregation to engage in meaningful, solid dialogue and debate.

"This was his strategy to stimulate critical thinking and appreciation of the truth — nurturing a community of discerning minds and individuals with strong self-discipline."

Anwar also told Muslims that

while echoing the *takbir* during Aidiladha, they should also not forget those who had sacrificed themselves to defend their cities and lands while enduring suffering, especially those in war-torn Gaza.

"I pray for Muslims in Malaysia and those performing the haj to be granted good health and strength to face the challenges

ahead, and that they remain humble in their supplications within the mercy and protection of the Almighty."

He later joined around 500 congregants in reciting the Takbir Raya in celebration of Hari Raya Aidiladha today.

Anwar led the recitation after Friday prayers at Surau Al Ikhwan.

Present was Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Meanwhile, yesterday's sermon touched on the significance of Arafah Day for Muslims, calling for reflection and spiritual renewal. The sermon urged Muslims to enliven Islam through worship by purifying their hearts of arrogance and negligence.

It also called on them to em-

body Islamic values by being honest and trustworthy, while avoiding deceit, slander and betrayal.

It also urged Muslims to uphold Islamic principles in family life by nurturing love rooted in religious teachings, fulfilling responsibilities, and offering spiritual guidance to spouses and children.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim having a meal before attending Friday prayers in Kajang. NSTP PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH