

Muslims should embody Maal Hijrah spirit, says Anwar

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PETALING JAYA: Muslims should embody the Maal Hijrah spirit of being committed to renewal, upholding human dignity and establishing justice, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

In his message in conjunction with the Maal Hijrah celebrations yesterday, the Prime Minister also urged Muslims to spread the truth of the Prophetic texts.

"The hijrah spirit is filled with the commitment towards renewal, upholding human dignity, establishing justice and spreading the truth of the Prophetic texts," he wrote in a Facebook post yesterday.

"Prophet Muhammad's devotion and hard work towards implementing islah (reforms) through hijrah should serve as an example to all of us to continue to nurture the Muslim community and develop Malaysia that is Madani."

In an earlier post on Thursday, Anwar hoped that Hijrah 2025 will mark the beginning of a more meaningful and blessed chapter.

He said the new Muslim year, which started yesterday, carries a call to build a prosperous, inclusive and virtuous Madani society rooted in Islamic values.

"Hijrah is not merely a physical

migration, but a process of renewal. Let us continue to move forward with knowledge, integrity and a spirit of unity," he said.

At the National Maal Hijrah celebration in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar said that hijrah (migration) is no longer a physical relocation but the transformation of mindsets.

"Today, hijrah is no longer physical but a transformation of values and mindset.

"We are called to migrate from passivity to proactivity, from

dependency to self-determination. This is the true meaning of hijrah in building a Madani nation.

"Therefore, let us, as agents of change, embrace knowledge, uphold values, prioritise unity and respect differences.

"This year, the Maal Hijrah celebration carries the theme 'Building a Madani Ummah', a vision that deeply aligns with the spirit of the Prophet Muhammad's hijrah.

"This theme calls upon us to revive the role of the ummah (community) as agents of mercy, justice and progress – to build a society rooted in values and

anchored in faith," he said.

Mohd Na'im further stressed the need for respect and tolerance by Muslims in a multiracial and multi-religious country.

"We must emulate the solidarity between the Muhajirin (migrants) and the Ansar (residents of Madinah) during the Prophet's time which was built on faith, not lineage.

"This was further strengthened by the introduction of the Constitution of Madinah, a foundation for a peaceful and just multi-ethnic society based on faith and 'ukhuwwah' brotherhood," he said.