

**Hishammuddin: Many Lessons From Violent London Riots**  
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KAJANG, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- There are many lessons to be learned from the riots in London and several other cities in England, said Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

"I am thankful that what happened in the UK did not happen here, which is something we cannot take for granted," he said after breaking fast at the Kajang Prison Complex mosque Thursday.

He said the riots also emphasised Malaysia's consistency and firmness in handling issues without compromising the peace, stability and harmony of the country.

He explained that in upholding justice and stability other considerations such as race, religion and politics must stay out of the equation.

Malaysians can now compare and evaluate for themselves how the police here handled the July 9 illegal rally, he said.

Hishammuddin said his ministry has been closely monitoring the situation since the Tottenham riots last Saturday and is confident the UK government can handle it.

On Monday, 20-year-old Ashraf, a first-year accounting student at Kaplan College sponsored by Mara, lost several teeth and broke his jaw when he was attacked and mugged by rioters while cycling home with a friend for the breaking of fast.

Meanwhile, on a separate subject, Hishammuddin said the media should be more responsible and sensitive in publishing news without offending people's feelings.

He said The Star's recent article on Ramadan fare with a picture of a pork dish was unacceptable, especially so during the holy month.

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