

**Appreciate Unity And Country's Political Stability - Sarawak TYT
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 24 (Bernama) -- Malaysians, especially in Sarawak, have been urged to always appreciate and strengthen unity, as well as political stability enjoyed by them now to be inherited by future generations.

The Yang Dipertua Negeri of Sarawak, Tun Abang Muhamad Salahuddin Abang Barieng, said they should take note of the strife happening in some countries which had caused peace and harmony, as well as political stability to be affected.

"Without unity, there will not be political stability, which is the main thrust to achieving a better standard of living," he said in a special message in conjunction with tomorrow's Christmas celebration.

He said as a country with a plural society, preserving unity among the multi-racial society had always been the main agenda of the government.

The Christmas celebration, he said, was another platform to enhance goodwill, as well as forge closer relations, among the people of various races.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, in his message, said that there were still many challenges ahead before Malaysia could achieve the developed status by 2020.

He said programmes under the economic transformation and the Tenth Malaysia Plan could help spur Sarawak's economic growth.

To achieve that, the Sarawak people should remain united, he added.

In KOTA KINABALU, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman in his Christmas message said Malaysians of different religions and ethnic groups continued to see their strength in diversity and remained united in making the country a success story.

He said Malaysia continued to be a fine example of how a diversified society could live side by side, especially in celebrating religious and cultural festivities where people from all walks of life would come together as a family.

He added that like Aidilfitri and Deepavali, Christmas has been celebrated in peace and harmony with the exchanging of greetings and open houses and also hoped the spirit of the tradition would be extended to the less fortunate to show that Malaysians cared for one another.

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