

Najib Urges Muslims To Boldly Undertake Migration, Transformation
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 26 (Bernama) -- In a special message on the eve of Maal Hijrah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak advised Muslims in the country to be courageous enough to undertake migration and transformation to ensure that they do not lag behind.

He said migration by way of the national transformation agenda through several concrete action plans places Malaysia on the right track in various fields, particularly the economy.

"The huge migration we are undertaking through the introduction of the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) keeps the country active and competitive in the face of the ever challenging global economic crisis," he said.

Referring to the economy, Najib said that between January and September this year, the country recorded an average growth rate of 5.1 per cent with a third-quarter growth rate of 5.8 per cent.

He said migration in terms of the economy and national development over the years had proven the philosophy of moderation and balance to be a great achievement and a huge message of Islamic propagation at the global level.

"We have been consistent in calling for the establishment of the global movement of the moderates whether in Asia or the world, and the reality is that we have made reference to the spirit of the teachings of the Quran and the Sunnah," he said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, in his message, reminded Muslims to begin the 1433 Hijrah new year with a strong commitment to enhance knowledge and capability in their every task so as to implement transformation and renewal efficiently and effectively.

In this way, he said, everything they do will be better in terms of quality and productivity and they can derive the full benefit for themselves, their families and society.

"I am also confident that this transformation based on the concept of migration should be used as a guide in the Malaysian plural society, particularly in cooperating to empower economic wealth and prosperity and strengthen understanding among the people," he said.

Muhyiddin said migration demanded a huge sacrifice in the implementation of change to achieve excellence.

"As such, in the context of globalisation today, it is demanded of each one of us to implement renewal and progress with a strong commitment based on Islamic principles and law," he said.

The national-level Maal Hijrah celebration carries the theme "Persefahaman Asas Perpaduan Ummah" (Understanding is the Basis of Solidarity).

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