

Muhyiddin Urges Muslims To Strengthen Brotherhood
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has called on the Muslims to take the opportunity of Aidilfitri to strengthen their brotherhood.

Wishing them Selamat Hari Raya, he said he believed that strong unity would enable Muslims to overcome all challenges.

"Unity is the key to allowing Muslims to rise and become the best people," he said in his Aidilfitri message.

Muhyiddin also called on Malaysians to make Aidilfitri a day to rekindle the spirit of unity and forgiveness, and to assist one another.

"Let's visit our relatives and friends and strengthen our friendship. Let's forget old disputes and offer forgiveness in this auspicious day. Let's show our sympathy to the poor and the less fortunate," he said.

He also prayed for peace for Muslims in Malaysia and throughout the world.

Meanwhile, in his National Day message, Muhyiddin called on all Malaysians to strengthen their resolve to work together to make the nation's transformation programme a success.

Muhyiddin said a strong unity among the multiracial and multireligious people was key to making the country's transformation a success.

"Today, our country is undergoing a crucial transformation process under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak. Our country is taking the strides to becoming a developed and high-income nation by 2020," he said in his message in conjunction with the 54th National Day.

He called on the people to fully support the initiative, saying it would determine the country's future.

He urged the people to unite under the 1Malaysia vision.

"Let's fly the Jalur Gemilang in our homes, on our vehicles and in our offices to demonstrate our pride and loyalty to our beloved country," he said.

MIC president Datuk G. Palanivel called on multiracial Malaysians to take the opportunity during the Aidilfitri and National Day to demonstrate the strong unity among them.

"Let's show our unity in diversity on these two joyous occasions," he said in his message in conjunction with both celebrations.

Palanivel, who is Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, also reminded those who would be away from their homes for a long period to inform the police or their neighbours so that they would keep a watch on their houses, and advised those on "balik kampung" journey to observe safe driving.

"The number of road accidents has been alarming. We do not want joyous occasions to turn into tragedies," he added.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek said this was the time for the people to see the 1Malaysia vision being further emphasised and its meaning reinforced in its true spirit of unity.

"The hosting of open houses by our Muslim friends augurs well for the making of a unified culture that is accepted by all, understood by all, embraced by all and revered by all," he said.

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