

Najib: Our safety a blessing
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MUSLIMS in Malaysia should be grateful as they are able to perform their religious duties during the holy month of Ramadan in a safe and peaceful state.

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, in his speech at a buka puasa function by the Persatuan Kebajikan Anak-Anak Yatim Islam Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (Perkayatim) yesterday, added that Malaysian Muslims should also see it as a blessing at a time when other Muslim nations were falling into a state of disorder one by one.

"That we are able to carry out our ibadat without having to worry or be afraid is a blessing God has given us."

Najib added that the government's decision to bring back our students from Syria was an example of what would happen if we failed to maintain peace and safety in our country.

He said it was all thanks to the unity shown between the Muslims and non-Muslims in the country, who were lovers of peace and harmony, and added his hope that it would be long-lasting.

To the 110 orphans feted to a buka puasa feast at Lembaga Tabung Haji here, Najib urged them to never let the fact that they have lost a parent or both parents get in the way of success.

"Don't take it as a disadvantage but as a challenge that will propel you to move forward. Even the greatest of men, including the Prophet Muhammad himself, was an orphan."

Najib said nobody was treated more special than the other whether they were an orphan or not as success was measured by values, such as faith and knowledge, that one holds.

He said with hard work and determination and with the assistance from the association and government policies which provide learning opportunities and scholarships for students, there was no way that orphans would not be able to do well for themselves.

He also urged the orphans' single parents and guardians to refer whatever issues they encounter in terms of providing welfare for their charges to the association.

"Any hardship can be overcome if they are shared."

Also present were Najib's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and Perkayatim chairman Tan Sri Abi Musa Asa'ari Mohamed Nor.

This year, Perkayatim contributed duit raya to 671 orphans in conjunction with the upcoming Hari Raya Aidilfitri festivities. The association also gave contributions to 11 orphans who did exceptionally well in their Penilaian Menengah Rendah and Sijil Menengah Rendah examinations. The contributions were presented by Najib and his wife.

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