

Najib reminds Muslims to unite as one for the sake of holy month of Ramadan
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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak reminded Muslims to set aside their political differences for the sake of unity of the *ummah* during the holy month of Ramadan.

He said factionalism among the *ummah* due to political differences was one of the factors that could weaken Islam in the country.

"In the spirit of this holy month, I call upon all Muslims in Malaysia to further strengthen the unity of the *ummah* because unity and oneness is the basis of strength of Muslims in the future.

"Remember that enemies of Islam will always try to create disharmony among the Muslims because they know that the strength of Islam depends on the unity of the *ummah*," he said in his Ramadan message posted on his blog yesterday.

"Believe me that victory and success can only be achieved when there is unity between those who lead and those who are led," he wrote.

The Prime Minister said the spirit of unity inspired in the War of Badar, which occurred on the 17th day of Ramadan, should be observed by all Muslims.

"In this holy month of Ramadan, we should also cleanse our souls by helping the poor, orphans and the under-privileged people. Let's avoid wastage, nurture the attitude of giving alms and don't forget to pay *zakat fitrah*," he added.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said in his Ramadan message that in this holy month Muslims should reflect on the good things that they were currently enjoying in this country.

"This is the month for Muslims to look back at their lives and be thankful for the peace and harmony that has enabled them to fulfil their religious obligations without hindrance," he said.

Muhyiddin also urged Muslims not to waste in the month of Ramadan and to minimise being involved in activities that could cause disunity among the *ummah*.

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