

**Leaders Must Set Good Examples, Preserve Unity – Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 2 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin reminded government leaders at all levels to set good examples for the people in order to maintain unity in the country.

Muhyiddin, who is also Umno deputy president, said every leader should have a praiseworthy attitude and provide good leadership for a multi-racial people to help spur national development.

"As a party (Umno) that is the pillar of the government and leading the Muslims and society as a whole, we should be exemplary. Don't fight among ourselves and create conflicts, but we should help each other instead."

Muhyiddin said this in his speech at the handing-out of Ramadan and Aidilfitri contributions as well as breaking-of-fast hosted by 1Malaysia Development Foundation Berhad (1MDB) at the Salahuddin Al-Ayyubi Mosque in Wangsa Maju, here.

Also present were Muhyiddin's wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman.

"No individual is forced to be a leader, but when he becomes a leader, he must uphold the trust given to him," said Muhyiddin.

The deputy prime minister said the people must be wise in choosing their representatives to form the government so that harmony would be preserved.

"There is peace and prosperity in Malaysia...no civil strife, no turbulence because of the people's wisdom in choosing a responsible government.

"God determines everything, but the people we choose as our leaders must be responsible for administering the country, making policies, shaping our way of life and leading the people. They must not fight among themselves."

In conjunction with the holy month of Ramadan, Muhyiddin also urged the people to be grateful for the peace, comfort and prosperity they were enjoying in this country compared to some of the Muslim countries.

"In Malaysia, Muslims can go about performing their religious obligations without fear or disturbance. The peace and stability is God's gift that we must preserve for our own well-being," he said.

Earlier, Muhyiddin presented contributions from 1MDB and Wangsa Maju Umno to some of the 1,000 recipients comprising senior citizens, orphans, the disabled and poor from the Wangsa Maju area.

He also announced a RM200,000 allocation for upgrading of the mosque.

After breaking fast, Muhyiddin performed Maghrib, Isyak and Tarawih prayers with the local residents.

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