

**Selangor Sultan Calls For Politics Free Mosques**  
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BESTARI JAYA, July 31 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah today emphasised the need for preventive measures to keep mosques free of politics in order to ensure harmony and unity among Muslims.

He urged mosque and surau committees to only invite qualified imams and speakers from the Selangor Islamic Religious Department, as these were places of worship and not venues to spread political ideologies.

"I don't want to see the Malays fighting and splitting up," he said at the opening of the RM4.6 million Rantau Panjang mosque which was built in 2009.

Sultan Sharafuddin said that as the leader of the state, he would not allow any threats to jeopardise the Malays and Islam, and would take stern action against any parties who sparked animosity between the communities in the state.

He also advised the Malays to refrain from being too emotional and influenced by ideas and views which brought no benefit to themselves, the society and the religion.

"I'm confident the people of Selangor can work together and live with tolerance and understanding. By the grace of Allah, we can face any challenges and problems and achieve the success we desire," he said.

The Sultan also received a RM200,000 business tithe from Selangor Agriculture Development Authority, group general manager Ali Ahmad.

He then presented Hari Raya aid to 514 underprivileged people including 141 orphans.

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