

Islah guides nation to greatness

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NEXT STEP: Islamic transformation will create high-income developed nation, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR: PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said Malaysia's national transformation programme, which is based on Islah (Islamic reconstruction or transformation), has improved the country.

Najib said the Islah approach was instrumental in changing Malaysia from a low-income agriculture-based nation to a medium-income industrial one.

"We're taking the next step of our Islah with a vision to become a high-income developed nation," he said in his 1Malaysia blog in conjunction with the Nuzul Al-Quran 1433 Hijrah event yesterday.

"We are thankful to be chosen to receive the holy al-Quran, which represents the complete guide for humans to handle this life and the afterlife.

"As the al-Quran is important, the government has placed it as an important topic in Islamic education and it is taught in primary and secondary schools."

The Quran was taught in primary and secondary schools through the Quran and Fardhu Ain (Kafa) classes and the Jawi, Quran, Arabic and Fardhu Ain (j-Qaf) classes in a comprehensive manner, he said.

He offered a prayer that with the blessing of Nuzul Quran, Allah would unite Muslims in the country to protect and strengthen the Islamic agenda, as a way of Islah, and the country's transformation.

Nuzul al-Quran was a comprehensive and miraculous guide for mankind in leading a religious and worldly life, he said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin called on Muslims to continue their appreciation of the teachings of the Quran. He urged them to make the teachings a practical aspect of their lives.

Muhyiddin said: "The nobility, holiness and wellbeing espoused by the al-Quran, if appreciated fully and practised in a country of diversified races and cultures like Malaysia, will make us a respected Muslim nation."

He expressed his gratitude to the Almighty that Muslims all over the world and in Malaysia had had 16 days of fasting.

"In this blessed month of Ramadan, Muslims will today commemorate another big event, Nu-zul al-Quran, or the receiving of the holy book by Prophet Muhammad.

"We remember Nuzul al-Quran because of the confidence of Muslims that it is one of the biggest blessings for all mankind."

Muhyiddin said the al-Quran was first revealed to Prophet Muhammad at Hira Cave on Friday, 17 Ramadan, on the prophet's 41st birthday (Aug 6, 610AD).

"We are thankful that the al-Quran was revealed as a guide for Muslims to lead life as Khalifah on Earth."

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