

Help the underprivileged, successful M'sians urged
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PEKAN: Those who are successful should always try to lend a helping hand to the underprivileged, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

The Prime Minister said Islam taught Muslims to pursue success, find income, work hard, seek opportunity and make every effort to excel but those who had achieved success should use it in a meaningful way by following Allah's path.

"One way is by paying tithes. If we follow Allah's way, we will not only get His rewards but we can also create a fair and just society where the rich will not be too rich and the poor not getting poorer. That is the beauty and nobility of Islam," said Najib before handing out tithes contributed by organisations and individuals here yesterday.

Bank Rakyat, Affin Bank, Uda Holding, Tabung Haji, Amanah Raya and Yayasan Basmil Kemiskinan were among those that made the RM1.65mil tithe payment to more than 6,000 recipients.

Najib, who is the Pekan MP, later distributed murtabak to the people outside the Pekan District Council hall.

On the Olympic badminton men's singles final tonight, Najib called on Malaysians to support Datuk Lee Chong Wei in his quest to win the country's first Olympic Gold medal.

He said his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor was scheduled to leave for London last night to provide moral support to the player.

"I congratulated Chong Wei after he won the semi-final. I told him that all Malaysians are giving him their full support.

"I believe that he is prepared mentally to face Lin Dan and he has a chance to win the gold," said Najib.

Rosmah said she had promised Lee that she would be there if he won the semi-final match, adding that the player was like "my own son".

"When he got through to the final, I told my husband that I would go to London to keep my word," she said.

Najib, who broke fast later with RMAF staff at its Kuantan base, paid tribute to the sacrifices of security forces to the country.

He expressed regret that there were still those who did not realise the roles played by the security forces in ensuring peace and order.

"There is nothing bigger than the ultimate sacrifice of laying their lives on the line in the defence of the country," he said in his speech.

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