

**Be Thankful For Peace To Carrying Out Religious Obligations - PM
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KUANTAN, July 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said Muslims in the country should be thankful for being able to carry out various religious obligations during Ramadan in complete peace.

He said Muslims in several Islamic countries like Palestine and Syria could not carry out fasting and other obligations completely as the people are living in fear as a result of war.

"We in Malaysia are very blessed to be able to conduct religious obligations according to our desire during Ramadan without any hindrance.

"In being grateful for the blessings of Allah, we should think of our brothers in Gaza where they are fearful of incessant merciless attacks by the Zionist regime," he said.

He was speaking at a presentation of Aidilfitri contributions to orphans at the Sultan Ahmad 1 State Mosque here before the breaking fast with more than 10,000 residents at the Kuantan Municipality Council field besides the mosque.

Najib said he was sad with the bloodshed taking place in Palestine now where 76 per cent of those killed were civilians, especially children.

According to him, conflicts between countries would only destroy the people and such conflicts were forbidden in Islam.

"Do not cause conflicts among ourselves, a country in conflict will eventually lose its power and the enemies will do whatever they can against us when Islamic countries are weak.

"It has reached the stage now when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu does not even heed international pressure to stop attacks on Gaza as he sees Islamic countries as weak, more so as he is an arrogant leader," said Najib.

In his speech, Najib also said he would be watching the World Cup final between

Germany and Argentina at Dataran Merdeka with 50,000 football fans starting from 3am tomorrow.

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