

Malaysians Should Be Thankful They Can Celebrate Aidilfitri In Peace - Muhyiddin Bernama
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 27 (Bernama) -- Malaysians should be thankful that the country is peaceful and harmonious and they can celebrate Aidilfitri without any fear or concern for their safety, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Sunday.

He said that as such, on this auspicious day, the people should remember and appreciate the contributions of those who protected the country, maintained peace and thwarted security threats.

"Our security forces are efficient, dedicated and professional, and are aware of their responsibility. We are able to celebrate Aidilfitri in peace because our security forces are discharging their duty without rest and leave at the borders, at sea and in other places.

"The government and the people extend our appreciation to the security forces and government officers and staff," he said in his Aidilfitri message.

The deputy prime minister said Muslims in the country should also realise the plight and suffering of fellow Muslims in other countries who were unable to celebrate Aidilfitri in peace.

Some of these people are forced to stay in refugee camps and under torn canopies without blankets, food and medicines, he said.

More heartbreaking, he said, was the plight of the people of Palestine who were also unable to celebrate Aidilfitri in peace due to the Israeli attacks in Gaza that had destroyed cities, he added.

"Mosques are fired upon, civilians become victims; the number of people killed is increasing. Aidilfitri for them (the people of Palestine) is the same as any other day, whereby they live in constant fear of coming under the attack of the Israelis who cannot tell the difference between auspicious and ordinary days," he said.

Muhyiddin said Aidilfitri was a time not just to enjoy but to realise that there were among us people who could not share in the joy of the occasion.

He said that for the families of the Muslim passengers and crew of the ill-fated Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flights MH370 and MH17, Aidilfitri was no longer the same without their loved ones.

Muhyiddin reminded Malaysians returning to their hometowns and villages for the Aidilfitri to exercise caution on the road and drive carefully and not hastily.

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