

**Ramadhan Is About Resilience – Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 8 (Bernama) -- Ramadhan is a month that Muslims learn about resilience and character building, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"In our hunger, we learn not to succumb to gluttony. In our thirst, we learn to hold back our anger.

"In our tiredness, we learn to push through the day for the greater reward of accomplishing one of the rukun Islam," he said in his entry in his blog www.najibrazak.com.

He said that to many Muslim children, the fasting month would be their first encounter with the concept of resilience.

He added that it is through resilience that our characters are built, and that it is the spirit of resilience and determination that will push us to greater heights.

Najib said for him, Ramadhan is a time for prayer, fasting and spiritual growth.

He said it is during this holy month that "we make time to sit down quietly and reflect upon ourselves."

"It is during such moments that I always find myself filled with pride to be Malaysian. Ramadhan provides us an opportunity to display the true spirit of Islam and 1Malaysia.

"It is in this month that we observe the greatest display of the Malaysian spirit in the form of the Ramadhan bazaars where we see endless diversity in food and the people," he said.

He said during this month, one can see people sharing food and drinks in traffic or on public transportation when breaking fast, as well as hearing stories of non-Muslims giving thoughtful courtesies for Muslims to break their fast first.

He added that this camaraderie also served as a reminder to us of the best version of ourselves that we aspire to be.

He also called on the people to always remember those who are in need in this holy month, and encouraged the Muslims to give generously to the needy if they are in the position to do so.

"Together, we bear the responsibility to try as best as we can to ensure that no individual will be left hungry in this country that is known for its diverse array of food and kind, charitable souls," he said.

Najib also shared his sadness with Muslims who had suffered and recovering from

tragedies, such as in the recent Sabah earthquake and the flood.

He said the victims' bravery and perseverance continue to inspire us and it serves as a reminder for us to not take anything for granted.

"I hope the blessings and the grace of Allah will ease our journey for the rest of the year," he said.

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