

## **Najib reminds Muslims to abstain from gluttony, anger this Ramadan** **The Malaysian Insider** **July 7, 2015**

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak today advised Muslims on the meaning of Ramadan, reminding them that it was the season to practice resilience by abstaining from gluttony and anger, and to build character for the greater reward of achieving one of the tenets of Islam.

In a blog post this evening, he said that the fasting month was when "characters are built", adding that resilience and determination are what will take Muslims to greater heights.

"The month of Ramadan is also about resilience. 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.

"To many Muslim children, the fasting month would be their first encounter with the concept of resilience.

"It is from here that our characters are built. It is this spirit of resilience and determination that will push us all to greater heights," he said at his website [najibrazak.com](http://najibrazak.com).

Najib is facing the toughest time of his career as criticism and allegations of financial scandal are thrown at him over government-owned investment firm 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), of which he is advisory board chairman.

Najib has been accused of accepting billions of ringgit in his personal bank accounts from companies linked to 1MDB, as reported by the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) last week.

Earlier today, a special task force investigating this alleged movement of funds said six bank accounts had been frozen, with the order to freeze issued yesterday.

Separately, sources later confirmed to The Malaysian Insider that three out of the six bank accounts belonged to Najib.

The freeze follows the WSJ's report that showed how US\$700 million (RM2.67 billion) from companies linked with 1MDB was purportedly deposited into Najib's personal bank accounts, according to investigation papers.

Najib, who has since said that he had not used any money for personal gain, however, has not denied that the transactions did indeed take place.

The embattled prime minister in his blog post today said that Ramadan was a time for

spiritual growth, when he would reflect on himself, adding that it was also a time to remember those in need.

"Ramadan to me, is a time for prayer, fasting and spiritual growth. It is during this holy month that we make time to sit down quietly and reflect upon ourselves.

"In our joyous and festive mood, we must always remember the ones who are in need. As Muslims, we are always encouraged to give generously to the needy if you are in the position to do so."

He also mentioned the recent Sabah earthquake that had claimed 18 lives last month, as well as floods, saying that such incidents served as a reminder not to take things for granted.

"I am deeply sorry that some of our brothers and sisters had to welcome Ramadan while recovering from tragedies. The tragedy of the Sabah earthquake and the floods have left the country in sadness.

"Their bravery and perseverance continue to inspire us and it serves as a reminder for us to not take anything for granted."

The fasting month, Najib said, was also a period where the true spirit of Islam and Malaysia were displayed, noting examples of Ramadan bazaars and sharing of food at public areas during the breaking of fast.

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

"The camaraderie of the fasting month serves as a reminder to us of the best version of ourselves that we aspire to be," he said. – July 7, 2015.

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