

**'Unity in Diversity' Shines During Syawal - PM
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Aidilfitri celebration is proof of the uniqueness and advantage of Malaysians, who are united in diversity.

Najib said throughout Syawal, while holding and attending the Aidilfitri open house, he said could see that the people in the country were always showcasing their respective traditions, even serving the delicious dishes of the various races.

"Where else but in Malaysia that we can see so many diversity and differences being celebrated together during a festival regardless of race and religion?"

"Even more so, it is not limited solely to Aidilfitri celebration, we are fortunate in Malaysia, we can celebrate six major festivals of various religions and races in the calendar of the federation, of which all six are celebrated by all the people regardless of skin colour.

"This is the uniqueness and advantage of Malaysia, unity in diversity," he said in his latest blog entry at the www.najibrazak.com website.

The prime minister said the month of Syawal also saw the practice of holding open house among family members and friends, no matter far or near.

Hence, he hoped efforts to strengthen ties such as that shown during the festival could continue even after Syawal ends soon.

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