

Najib Breaks Fast And Performs Maghrib Prayers In Taiping

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TAIPING, June 7 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak broke his fast and performed the Maghrib prayers with more than 400 worshippers at the Pengkalan Aur Mosque here tonight.

He arrived at the mosque at 7.10 pm accompanied by Perak Menteri Besar Perak Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir and Bukit Gantang UMNO Division chief Datuk Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz Syed Abdul Fasal.

During the event, he also handed over Al-Fasal Foundation tithe contributions to tithe recipients from around the Bukit Gantang parliamentary constituency.

Najib, in his speech, said the people must be thankful to the government and UMNO which were the core to the success in developing the country and prospering the people.

"All these too are the fruits of the people's struggles who spurred the government and UMNO to deliver and giving solid support to Barisan Nasional," he said.

In the meantime, Najib said that despite blood-letting incidents during the month of Ramadan, Muslims in the country could still perform the (Ramadan) fast in peace.

"For example, the incident in which 150 lives were lost in Kabul, Afghanistan, and also similar incidents in Syria, Philippines and other countries.

"We must be thankful we are on Malaysian soil. So, let us together continue our unity," he said.

He added, that the mosque is a symbol of the unity of Muslims and all challenges could be successfully overcome if they are united.

The prime minister gave the example of Muslim victory at the Badar war, saying Muslims must heed it to become Muslims who followed Allah's guidance to reap success here and in the hereafter.

"The month of Ramadan is also a month whereby Muslims during the time of the Prophet achieved many successes including during the Badar war on the 17th of Ramadan when 313 Muslims quashed a Quraish army of more than 1,000 soldiers.

"Despite fasting and experiencing hunger and thirst under the blistering sun they were not worried but fought all out due to their belief in Allah and loyalty to the Prophet plus having effective strategies to emerge victorious, contrary to logical thinking," he said.

During the event, Najib also approved a RM1.4 million allocation to upgrade the mosque. The event was attended by about 2,000 local residents.

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