

Malaysians celebrate Aidilfitri in spirit of new Malaysia

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 15 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Muslims today celebrated Aidilfitri together with their families and relatives as well as non-Muslim neighbours and friends in the spirit of a new Malaysia that has fostered greater understanding and unity among the people.

It is the first Aidilfitri celebrated with the new Pakatan Harapan (PH) federal government in power following the stunning victory of the PH coalition in the 14th general election on May 9.

Muslims, from the Rulers to the common people, performed Aidilfitri prayers at mosques and surau throughout the country on the first day of Syawal today. They exchanged greetings and sought forgiveness.

In keeping with the cost-cutting measures of the Pakatan Harapan government, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Muhammad V, had decreed that Istana Negara would not hold an Aidilfitri 'open house' and that the money saved should be used to help the less privileged.

Sultan Muhammad V, who is the Sultan of Kelantan, performed Aidilfitri prayers at Masjid Muhammadi in KOTA BHARU, Kelantan, along with about 5,000 other worshippers. His Majesty was accompanied by the Regent of Kelantan, Dr Tengku Muhammad Faiz Petra, other members of the Kelantan Royal Household and state dignitaries.

In KUALA LUMPUR, Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad performed Aidilfitri prayers at the National Mosque, along with thousands of other worshippers.

Defence Minister Mohamad Sabu, Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Salahuddin Ayub, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa and Federal Territories Mufti

Datuk Dr Zulkifli

Mohamad Akl-Bakri also performed the Aidilfitri prayers at the mosque.

Dr Mahathir and the Cabinet ministers also hosted an Aidilfitri 'open house' at Seri Perdana, the official residence of the Prime Minister, from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

The Prime Minister said he was excited and happy to see the enthusiasm of the people who came to the open house and added that it augured well for the future of the country under the Pakatan Harapan government.

Parti Amanah Negara vice-president Datuk Mahfuz Omar, in a statement, said this Aidilfitri was more meaningful for Malaysians because of the Pakatan Harapan general election victory. Pakatan Harapan comprises Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu), DAP, PKR and Amanah.

In NEGERI SEMBILAN, the Yang Dipertuan Besar, Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir, and the Tunku Ampuan Besar, Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud, performed Aidilfitri prayers at Masjid Diraja Tuanku Munawir, Seri Menanti, in Kuala Pilah.

Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied by their princes Tunku Besar Seri Menanti Tunku Ali Redhaudin and Tunku Datuk Seri Zain Al-'Abidin.

They were greeted by Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Aminuddin Harun and his wife Wan Hasni Wan Yusof, state executive councillors, State Secretary Dr Razali Ab Malik and over 1,500 worshippers.

In SARAWAK, Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Taib Mahmud and his wife Toh Puan Ragad Kurdi Taib performed Aidilfitri prayers at Masjid Jamek, Petra Jaya, near Kuching. Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg and members of the state Cabinet also performed prayers there.

Abdul Taib held an Aidilfitri open house at the Astana Negeri, Petra Jaya, from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. Abang Johari held his open house at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching from 10 am to 4 pm.

In MELAKA, Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Mohd Khalil Yaakob and Chief Minister Adly Zahari performed Aidilfitri prayers at Masjid Al-Azim in Bukit Palah along with about 2,000 other worshippers. Mohd Khalil held an open house at Istana Melaka in Bukit Beruang.

In KEDAH, the Sultan of Kedah, Sultan Sallehuddin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah, and the Sultanah of Kedah, Sultanah Maliha Tengku Ariff, performed Aidilfitri prayers with more than 2,000 other worshippers at Masjid Zahir in Alor Setar.

The Raja Muda of Kedah, Tengku Sarafudin Badlishah, and the Raja Puan Muda of Kedah, Che Puan Muda Zaheeda Mohamad Ariff, also performed prayers at the mosque. They were accompanied by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir and several state executive councillors.

In PENANG, Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas and his wife Toh Puan Majimor Shariff performed Aidilfitri prayers at the Penang State Mosque, along with about 1,000 other worshippers.

In PERLIS, the Raja of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail, performed Aidilfitri prayers at Masjid Negeri in Arau. Accompanying the Ruler were the Raja Perempuan, Tuanku Tengku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid; the Raja Muda, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail, and the Raja Puan Muda, Tuanku Hajah Lailatul Shahreen Akashah Khalil. Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azlan Man and several state executive councillors also performed prayers at the mosque along with the people.

In JOHOR, Sultan Ibrahim Almarhum Sultan Iskandar and his children and in-laws

performed Aidilfitri prayers with more than 2,000 other worshippers at Masjid Jamek Pasir Pelangi near Istana Pasir Pelangi in Johor Bahru. Menteri Besar Datuk Osman Sopian held an open house at his official residence in Saujana.

In TERENGGANU, Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin performed Aidilfitri prayers at Masjid Al-Muktafi Billah Shah in Kuala Terengganu along with Menteri Besar Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar, several other state leaders and the people. After the prayers, the Ruler visited the royal mausoleum in the compound of the mosque.

In SELANGOR, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah performed Aidilfitri prayers at the State Mosque in Shah Alam. Accompanying him were the Tengku Permaisuri of Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin; the Raja Muda of Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah, and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

In PAHANG, three children of the Regent of Pahang, Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah, performed prayers at Masjid Sultan Ahmad Shah, namely Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah, Tengku Muhammad Riayattudin Shah and Tengku Ahmad Ismail Shah Muadzam Shah. Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail also performed prayers there along with more than 1,000 other worshippers.

Wan Rosdy also attended the Aidilfitri open house of Pekan MP and former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak at the latter's residence, Sri Kenangan, in Pekan.

In LABUAN, MP Datuk Rozman Isli performed prayers at the An Nur Mosque, with about 4,000 worshippers including foreigners working on the duty-free island. Rozman held an open house from 10 am to 5 pm.

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