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PM: Country's peace a blessing

'Muslims and non-Muslims live in harmony'

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysians should be grateful to be able to practise their religious beliefs in peace, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the country was blessed that the people – both Muslims and non-Muslims – were united and lived in harmony.

"There are other Islamic nations

which do not enjoy the same privileges as us.

"These privileges are sometimes not recognised as blessings that we should be thankful for," Najib said in his speech when breaking fast with orphans at the Tabung Haji building here last night.

He said the Government had decided to fly Malaysian students in Syria back home in view of the country's internal political crisis, which has turned untenable for them.

"The situation there serves as a lesson for us. It shows us what will happen if we do not take care of peace and order in our country," he added.

During the event, Najib and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor handed out *duit raya* to 671 orphans from around the city.

Najib was also invited to cut a birthday cake on stage in conjunction with his 59th birthday, which fell on Monday.



Happy Birthday, PM: Najib cutting his birthday cake during the breaking of fast with orphans in Kuala Lumpur. Looking on is Rosmah.