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# Guided by Islamic values

## Najib: Basic tenets part of country's governance

**PUTRAJAYA:** Islamic values and principles have guided the Government to run the country in the best way it could, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the basic tenets of Islam had been adopted not only in the nation's administration but also in the implementation of the 1Malaysia concept.

He said this when presenting offer letters to 400 community leaders nationwide to perform the haj.

They comprise imam, village chiefs and village security and development committee members, whose pilgrimage will be jointly funded by Lembaga Tabung Haji (LTH) and 1MDB Foundation under a pilgrimage sponsorship programme.

Najib said the reason they chose community leaders such as imams and village chiefs was because they were important and every activity in the community would require their services.

"As imams, they not only lead prayers in the mosque but beyond. They also recite prayers over births, deaths, thanksgiving, weddings and practically everything else.

"So, it is only fair they get the



**Noble contribution:** Najib presenting the offer letters to recipients of the pilgrimage sponsorship programme at Seri Perdana.

chance to visit the Holy Land while they are still serving as imams.

"Village chiefs and the village security and development committee members also play a big role. The people places high hopes on them in

all sorts of matters," the Prime Minister added.

LTH will spend RM2mil while 1MDB will contribute another RM4mil to fund the 400 prospective pilgrims.

This will be the second time such groups will enjoy an all-expense paid pilgrimage to Mecca under the programme, with 111 people having benefited from it when it was launched last year.

