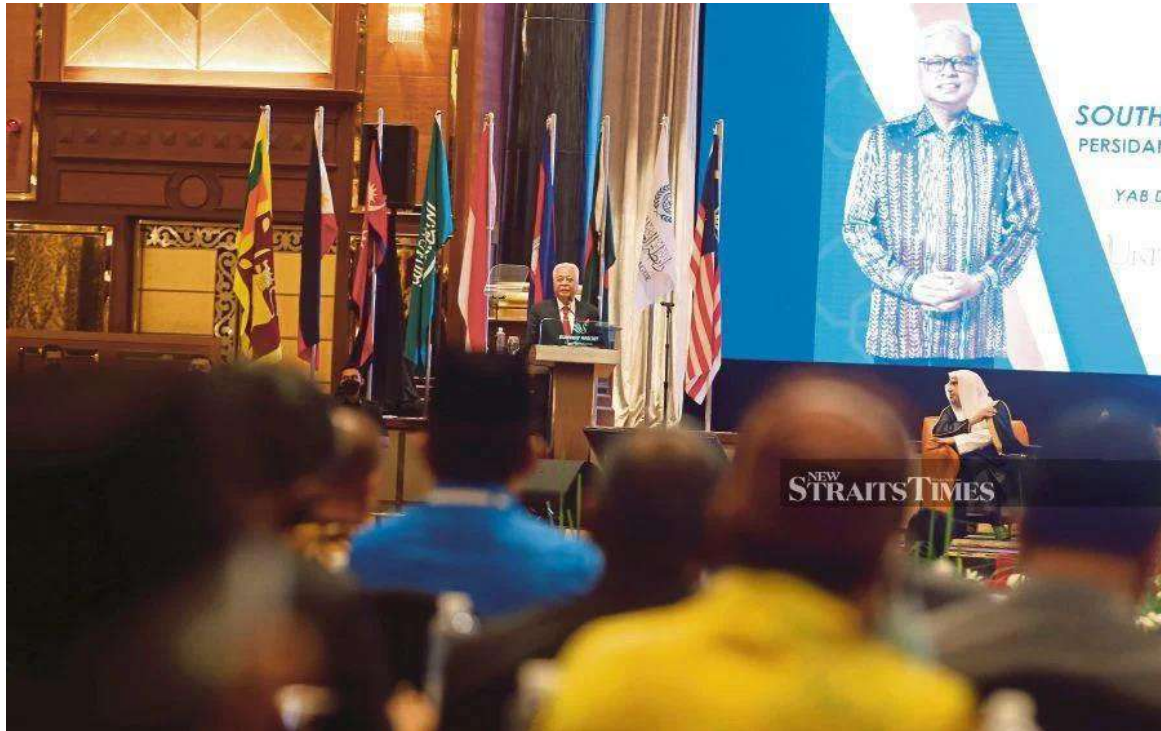


PM cautions Muslims against falling for traps meant to sow disunity [NSTTV]

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PETALING JAYA: Muslims around the world have been reminded to be careful not to fall for traps laid by irresponsible quarters seeking to create tension between the Islamic community and devotees from other religions.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said Muslims should adhere to the religious framework outlined in Islam when reacting to issues, especially those affecting the sensitivity of the religion.

Ismail Sabri cited the incident involving disparaging remarks made by some politicians in India against Prophet Muhammad which triggered condemnation from the Muslim community worldwide.

"The incident drew protests not only from Muslims in India but also the international community, including Malaysia.

"The action of insulting the Prophet Muhammad is a very sensitive matter. It is the duty of the entire Muslim community to react responsibly, in accordance with the religious framework as outlined in Islam.

"This is to prevent us (the Muslim community) from falling into the trap from certain quarters, who wish to sow hostility among followers of various religions," said the prime minister at the launch of the Southeast Asian Ulama Conference here today.

Present were Muslim World League secretary-general Sheikh Dr Mohammad Abdul Karim Al-Issa and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Idris Ahmad.

Also in attendance were Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Azhar Azizan Harun and Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Saarani Mohamad.

Ismail Sabri said unity and solidarity of the ummah, as encapsulated in the "fiqh awlawiyyat", should be upheld and remain a priority among Muslims globally in view of the increasing threats against the sanctity of Islam.

"We must strengthen the unity of the ummah based on the principles and the teachings espoused by the Sunnah Wal Jamaah.

"We must also focus on rejecting any forms of extremism.

"For such efforts to materialise, Muslims must unite and transcend different streams of philosophies and ideologies," he said.

Islam, he said, encourages kindness, enhancing solidarity as well as "mahabbah" (love among humanity), in line with the concept of "tasamuh" (tolerance).

The concept, he said, is an important value that is embraced and upheld by the government under his leadership for the betterment and wellbeing of the people in the country.

"This is because the concept of 'tasamuh' emphasise the value of togetherness, that is in line with the 'Keluarga Malaysia' (Malaysian Family) concept which is able to continue encouraging people in the country to understand and appreciate the uniqueness of Malaysia's multi-racial society," he said.