

The Sultan Of 11 Months, Welcome!

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ISTANBUL (Bernama) -- Ramadan, the master and the sultan of all other months awaited for 11 months with yearning, is welcomed with delight by the Muslim world in 2018 as well. As it has been every year, Ramadan has arrived this year as well, with its own pleasantness and beauty.

The preparation for Ramadan, which starts several days before, is a lovely sign for the happiness Muslims feel for fulfilling their religious duty, fasting. For 30 days, during the time between morning and evening, the Muslims of the world will fast without eating or drinking anything for the good pleasure of God.

Another important feature of the month of Ramadan for Muslims is that Laylat al-Qadr, the night the Quran was first revealed to our Prophet (saas) coincides with the month of Ramadan. In the Quran, God informs us that laylat al-qadr is greater than a thousand months, therefore, laylat al-qadr is another occasion of excitement for Muslims.

In the 183rd verse of Surat Al-Baqara, God says, "You who have faith! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you. So that hopefully you will guard against evil and have taqwa." Fulfilling the duties God commands in the Quran is a very important delight for Muslims. Just as how Muslims show their love for God by prostrating before God while performing their prayers five times a day, in the month of Ramadan, they show their thanks and devotion to God by fasting for 30 days. This feeling of gratitude surrounds the Muslim world like a shield.

This duty that has been deemed a religious obligation during one month of the year, has an immense effect on Muslims' spirituality. Throughout the month of Ramadan, Muslims will have sahur with their loved ones and start fasting, and when the evening comes, together with the sunset they will altogether break their fasting with a delightful meal (iftar). After the iftar, they will gather in mosques and perform their terawih prayers. They will remember their brothers in need and help them in any way possible.....

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