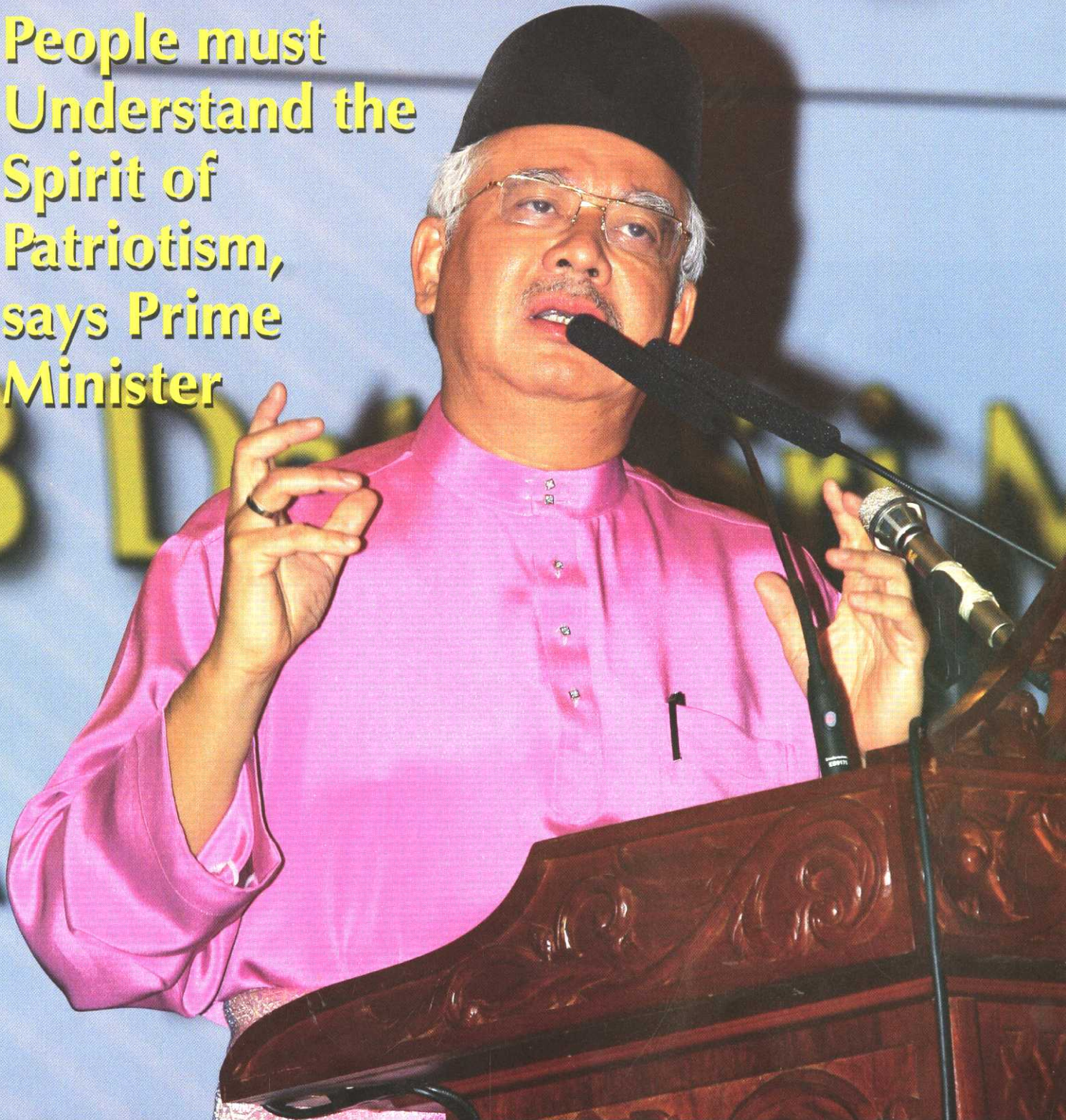


People must Understand the Spirit of Patriotism, says Prime Minister



4 THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO BE READY TO EARN HIGHER SALARY: Deputy Prime Minister

5 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS AT IPT: MQA TO ASSIST OIC

9 IIUM SIRIM PRODUCE BONE TREATMENT DRUG

Editorial Board

Advisor

Prof. Dato' Sri Dr. Syed Arabi Idris

Editors

Dr. Norbaiduri Ruslan

Abdul Halim Taib

Mazlan Yusof

Contents

Abdul Rahim Ahmad

Coordinator

Abdul Latif Abdul Rahman

Language

English Department

Article providers, photographers and publisher:

Public Relations Office

International Islamic University Malaysia

P.O. Box 10, 50728 Kuala Lumpur,

Malaysia.

e-mail

pro@iiu.edu.my

IIUM News Bulletin welcomes articles from all contributors especially staff and students of IIUM. Contributions can be submitted to the e-mail address or address listed above.

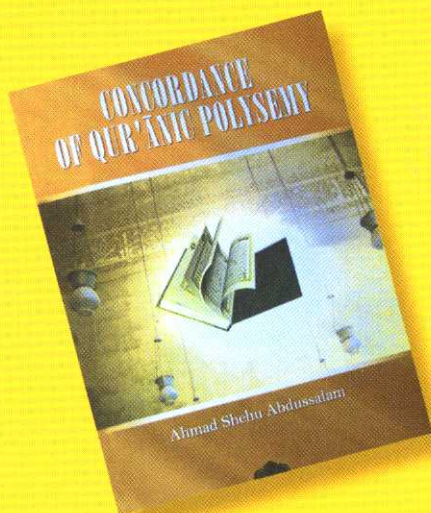
Editorial

The month of August is a double celebration for Muslims and Malaysians. On the 22nd we started fasting and on the 31st we celebrated the 52nd Merdeka Day. *Ramadhan al-Mubarak* and 'Selamat Hari Merdeka!' This year is a challenging year, first because of the economic downturn and second because of the H1N1 pandemic that has affected all corners of the world. Despite these challenges and turbulences, our routine goes on. Alhamdulillah, Allah has given us the strengths to overcome challenges that come before us. In the spirit of Ramadhan we are encouraged to increase our ibadah and be thankful for all the little things that Allah has showered upon us. The spirit of Ramadhan is very much felt on campus, even before the first day of Ramadhan. The Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah's mosque celebrated the coming of Ramadhan with the Malaysian style tradition of cooking and distributing 'Bubur Lambuk'. Bubur Lambuk is a type of porridge made from rice, with a mixture of chicken, meat, dried shrimp, coconut milk, spices, celeries, and a few other ingredients. I think bubur lambuk appeals to just everybody because to some extent porridge such as bubur lambuk exists in all cultures; the difference is just in terms of the main ingredients and the cooking process. That explains why I saw 'bubur lambuk' in plastic containers brought by my international students in my class. They said it was good! Well, a program such as this can further brings the campus community to share the Ramadhan spirit.

IIUM celebrated The Merdeka month recently at the grand staircase, in our own IIUM way. The event is a manifestation of our patriotism towards Malaysia. On that note I'd like to share a few remarks by the Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Najib Razak, during his keynote address at the Patriotism Discourse: Towards 1Malaysia, held at CAC, on August 17, 2009. He addressed the audience particularly the younger generation in his speech by sharing historical episodes of past leaders in their journey to achieve independence from Britain. He called the young generation to embrace the history to appreciate what we have today. The concept of 1Malaysia according to him is in harmony with the teaching of Islam. He said in Islam, "You are talking about human universal values. Islam talks about being fair to Muslims and non-Muslim. That is the biggest da'wah because we are projecting the true face of Islam." He continued, "**There's no other place that is significant than IIUM...Here, I'm talking about the future of Malaysia..Ummah...**Let us move forward, ONE HOPE, ONE NATION, ONE DREAM, ONE PEOPLE, 1Malaysia!" I always feel patriotic towards my country and I believe that many others shared the same feeling.

I hope you enjoy reading this August issue.

BOOK OF THE MONTH 2009



Title	: Concordance of Qur'anic Polysemy
Author	: Ahmad Shehu Abdussalam
Publisher	: Research Management Centre, IIUM
Price	: RM92
Pages	: 751
Year	: 2008

This book helps readers understand the message of the Qur'an by giving precise meaning to some polysemous words found in it. Polysemy is a semantic state of a word that has two or more meanings. Polysemic entries are numbered and arranged in alphabetical order. It also explains the two major approaches in the interpretation of Qur'anic polysemic words. Therefore, it is an essential tool for English-speaking scholars and students of the science of the Qur'an. This is because it helps harmonize various meanings. It brings out certain aspects of the creativity of the Qur'an and it provides linguistic options to the interpretation or translation of the Qur'an. - DR. SAODAH WOK