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Zarith Sofiah Idris shared a memory.

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I visited the general hospital this afternoon to give goodie bags to two mothers and their babies who were born today because it is Red Cross Red Crescent Day. I chatted with the doctors and hospital administrators, and what they told me made me proud to be Malaysian :

One of the gynaecologists said that we have one of the best government-run medical system, and to prove it, he told me about a patient (a Chinese lady) who was bleeding heavily and was given more than 20 litres of blood. They operated on her and during the operation the medicines given to her cost more than RM200,000. She was in the ICU for 42 days. Her hospital bill? RM180-00. If she was at a private hospital her husband would have had to pay tens if not hundreds of thousands. He also told me that mothers who were HIV-positive would be given medicines free of charge for the rest of their lives. All HIV-AIDS medicines are given free of charge to all Malaysians. And babies can be prevented from being born as HIV-positive if the mothers have already been given the right medicines.

In Malaysia, those who are poor can still be treated at government-run hospitals and know that they will be taken care of, and not worry about paying expensive hospital bills.

There are so many negative rumours whirling around and I write this not because I support this or that political party but because I believe in sharing real, positive accounts.

We live in a country where there are no foreign armies killing our families. We can sleep peacefully because there are no loud sounds of bombs and gunfire. Whenever we feel unhappy or dissatisfied living in our beloved country, think of what is happening in countries such as Syria, Palestine, Somalia and many others.

Let us continue to be united as Malaysians and be thankful that we live in a country which has enjoyed peace since the Second World War.

May we always have peace. May God bless us all.

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