

Najib: Tighten security to nip JI in the bud
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak wants authorities to tighten security to prevent Jemaah Islamiah (JI) from influencing students and taking root in the country.

NONEHe said the spread of JI ideology, if unchecked, would pose a threat to national security.

"We must be wary of JI threat to recruit students.

"They can be coerced into committing violence by militant and (extremist) thinking," he said after a Pemimpin Bersama Rakyat programme at Wat Matchimmaram, Kampung Jubakar near Tumpat today.

Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein yesterday said JI had made efforts to recruit local university students as members.

Inspector-General of Police Musa Hassan said foreign JI members tried to revive the militant group by trying to recruit youths including university students.

Najib said it was proven that JI spread not only among students but also lecturers.

"A lecturer involved with JI had been known to explode bombs. We have to tighten security via intelligence reports to check the menace," he added.

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