

**Don't question social contract, says Najib**  
**Malaysiakini.com**  
**September 6, 2010**

Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak reminded the people today against questioning provisions in the constitution, particularly those related to the social contract, saying they had been agreed upon by the nation's forefathers.

NONE "We should uphold what has been agreed upon by our forefathers, by the past generations, which have enable us to reach where we are today," Bernama reported him as saying at the Prime Minister's Department's monthly gathering in Putrajaya today.

He said that to safeguard race relations, the society should be mindful of one another's sensitivities and refrain from engaging in acts that could hurt the feelings of other communities.

"If we can refrain from doing these two things, we can cool off a lot of heat and I believe it can contribute towards strengthening the country's national unity and political stability," he said.

Najib said both aspects were also important in managing the country's politics and racial relations.

"We have been saying that the country's pillar of stability is national unity; if we don't manage race relations properly, it can affect the country's stability," he said.

He also called on civil servants to fully understand and internalise the 1Malaysia concept and set examples for others to emulate.

"Please remember that it is our responsibility to care for the country for our future generations. Let us not damage what is already in good condition," he said.

NONE In a related development, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Jamil Khir Baharom said the public should not raise issues which are sensitive, especially on religion and race, to avoid hurting the feelings of other people.

He said religion was a sensitive issue as nobody, no matter which religious faith they belonged to, would be angry if their religion was to be ridiculed or insulted.

"We do not want a situation which can create discontentment and disharmony in the society," he told reporters at a function hosted by Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad in Pokok Sena, Kedah, yesterday.

He said the situation could result in the people taking out their anger on social websites, like Facebook, but also created animosity among the people of various races and religions.

"There are limitations to freedom. It should not be to an extent of encroaching other people's rights," he added.