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## Islam not a threat, says Najib

BRUSSELS: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak has conveyed to the international community that Islam is not a threat and that Islamophobia is often fuelled by extremists in all religions.

He said the international community could look towards Malaysia as a living example of how people of different religions could co-exist in harmony.

He told a media roundtable attended by international news organisations based here conflicts existed not between religions but between the extremists and the moderates of all religions.

"Islam should not be a problem as long as there are moderates in all religions," he said.

Islam was among the subjects raised during the roundtable and Najib was asked how Malaysia could address perceptions towards the religion among the European community in the wake of the Europe-Malaysia free trade agreement negotiations, launched here yesterday.

Najib said it would be good if the



European community could engage in dialogues with moderate Islamic countries like Malaysia. He said he did not condone extremism and that the key to solving Islamophobia was to find a long-term solution to the Palestinian issue.

Najib said the fate of the

Palestinian people, who were deprived of their rights, "strikes a chord among the Muslim world."

"Some people feel that if there is no hope left, then what is there to live for," he said, adding that once the Palestinian problems were resolved, terrorism would subside. - Bernama