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## PM: Showcase Kaamatan and Gawai

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Kaamatan and Gawai Dayak festivals celebrated by ethnic communities in Sabah and Sarawak this week served as an opportunity for Malaysians to showcase the country's cultural and ethnic diversity to the world.

The Prime Minister expressed hope that Malaysians living in Borneo would share their rich culture with pride, including with fellow Malaysians from the peninsula.

Najib said Peninsular Malaysians should take the opportunity to learn more about the country's cultural heritage.

"We shouldn't forsake our age-old traditions that bind us as one race, as we strive to transform Malaysia into a developed nation of high income.

"It all starts with our homeland, the need for us to appreciate our rich cultural heritage," Najib wrote in a posting on his [www.1malaysia.com.my](http://www.1malaysia.com.my) blog yesterday.

He described the Kaamatan and Gawai Dayak festivals as unique, as no other place in the world celebrated the events.

Najib wished them *Kotobian tadau tagazo do Kaamatan* and *Selamat Hari Gawai gayu guru gerai nyaman*, hoping that they would be blessed with long life, health and prosperity. - Bernama