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# 'Constitutional monarchy has created stability'

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**PROTECTING SOVEREIGNTY:** Malay rulers provide solid foundation for nation's progress, Najib says in book

**KUALA LUMPUR**

**T**HE constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy practised in Malaysia has proven effective in creating stability and prosperity in the country, Datuk Seri Najib Razak said.

The prime minister said the monarchy was the basic thrust for the system ever since the country gained independence more than 50 years ago.

"The roles played by the Malay rulers, who are above politics, have contributed comprehensively to the integration process of the people towards building a successful na-

tion-state. It also provides a solid foundation towards achieving the national vision to become a fully developed country and a high-income nation," he said in his message in the book titled *Malaysia's Constitutional Monarchy: Malay Rulers of the 21st Century*, here.

The 512-page book documents the Malay rulers in nine states and Tuan Yang Terutama in the other four states.

Najib said the monarchy had continued to function as an umbrella for the people, especially when other countries failed to protect the sovereignty of their rulers in modern times.

"The role of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong as the country's main pillar of strength has always been respected and admired by the world community."

Najib also expressed hope that the book could be used to teach the young generation about the monarchy and would increase the knowledge of the people from all walks of life.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, in his message in the book, said Malaysia had proved that the constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy system was the most efficient and progressive governing system because it saw various leaders working together to uphold the people's aspirations.

In addition, he said the current government had played its role in developing the country in a proper manner to improve the living standard of the people.

"In this era of modernisation, the monarchy institution is very important in preserving political balance and stability in the country.

"The roles of the rulers in preserving and protecting the sovereignty of the Malay race and valid interests of other communities should become the inspiration of all Malaysians."

The book's publication director, Roslan Mohammed, in a statement, said the book would help improve the people's knowledge on the history of the Malay rulers.

He said this was because since the country's independence in 1957, not one book that combined all the important facts and information related to the unique monarchy of Malaysia had ever been published.

The book is available at RM350 in the peninsula, and RM380 in Sabah and Sarawak. **Bernama**