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# Najib calls for Muslim unity

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> Find common ground and be good example to non-Muslims

**KOTA BARU:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak suggested that Muslims in this country find a common ground and similarities despite differences of opinion and ideology so as to show good example to the non-Muslim community.

He said thinking which leaned towards disunity and animosity should be replaced with values such as equity and fairness.

"We must have a positive attitude and not embellish stories that we hear of and we need to think of good and bad consequences (of our actions)," he said at the opening of the 56th National Tilawah Al-Quran or Quran Reciters Assembly at the Darul Naim Islamic Complex in Lundang last night.

Najib said Islam frowned on instigators who always tried to create animosity among Muslims.

He also urged Muslims to protect the sanctity of Islam and foster solidarity in upholding Islam as the official religion of this country.

He said disunity would place Muslims on the losing end and provide an opportunity for others to take advantage of their weaknesses.

"Preparing ourselves to be strong in our religious faith is necessary in facing whatever challenges that come, while empowering ourselves is also very important to gauge our strengths and weaknesses in enhancing the glory of Islam in this country.

"Let us together ensure that

what we and our nation are showered with will continue to endow us. We shall continue to build unity and at the same time, reject whatever actions and attempts by those who ridicule the monarchy in their politics of extremism."

Najib said it was incumbent on Muslims to defend their supreme caliph, Prophet Muhammad, besides the Federal Constitution and the monarchy which had been the foundation for the formation of a civilised and sovereign Malaysia.

He said Malaysia was blessed with systematic infrastructure to manage Islam and had vast potential to continue developing further its civilisation based on Islam. - Bernama



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**O & G MEETING** ... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak with (from left) 17th Asia Oil and Gas Conference (AOGC) organising committee chairman Datuk Wan Zulkiflee Wan Ariffin, Petronas president and group CEO Tan Sri Datuk Shamsul Azhar Abbas and Petronas chairman Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan at the opening ceremony of the conference at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre yesterday.

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