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People must be productive to enjoy high income, says Najib

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has called for Malaysians to be more productive, saying that the backbone of a sustainable economy is the productivity of its people.

Najib, in a blog posting yesterday, said the economic foundation was still solid, although the nation was facing a number of challenges of late which were due to external factors.

"Simply put, the basis of a sustainable economy is productivity. A higher productivity results in more prosperous returns.

"For example, when we give a big contribution to our company, we will be promoted and our wages raised.

"The same goes to the country as

well, if the people of the country are more productive, then the country's economy will spur more income for everyone," he said, adding that this was what a high income nation meant.

For that reason, Najib said, the government had given big annual allocations for the education and training sectors.

"Praise be to God, the education level of Malaysians is rising and our productivity at this point is able to maintain our local economic sustainability.

"Even so, there is still much to be done to achieve the status of high-income nation. Among that is to work hard and cultivate innovate thinking."

This, Najib stressed, would allow us to be more productive and create better returns for ourselves and simultaneously spur high income for Malaysia's economy as a whole.

In a separate matter, Najib, on Facebook, regarded the extremist activities committed by members of the terror group, Islamic State (IS), as opposing the teachings of Prophet Muhammad.

"IS has deviated from Islamic teachings which call for the protection of all citizens regardless of race and religion instead of acting in cruel ways and creating terror," he said, following his call for world and Islamic leaders to unite in rejecting IS beliefs at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.



Refugees walking to the border near Austria in Hegyeshalom, Hungary, on Thursday. AP pic