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Quit spreading slander, says PM

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2020 GOAL; Work together towards achieving developed-nation status, Najib urges Malaysians

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has called on the people to cease squabbling, and stop spreading and believing in slander.

Instead, he said, everyone should work together towards making Malaysia a developed nation by 2020.

In an audio message posted on his website, www.najibrazak.com, yesterday, Najib urged Malaysians not to get involved in matters that could distract them from achieving the nation's goals.

"In life, we need to have a struggle; the struggle to serve our families, religion, race and country.

"Only when the struggle is successful will our lives have meaning," he said in the two-minute podcast.

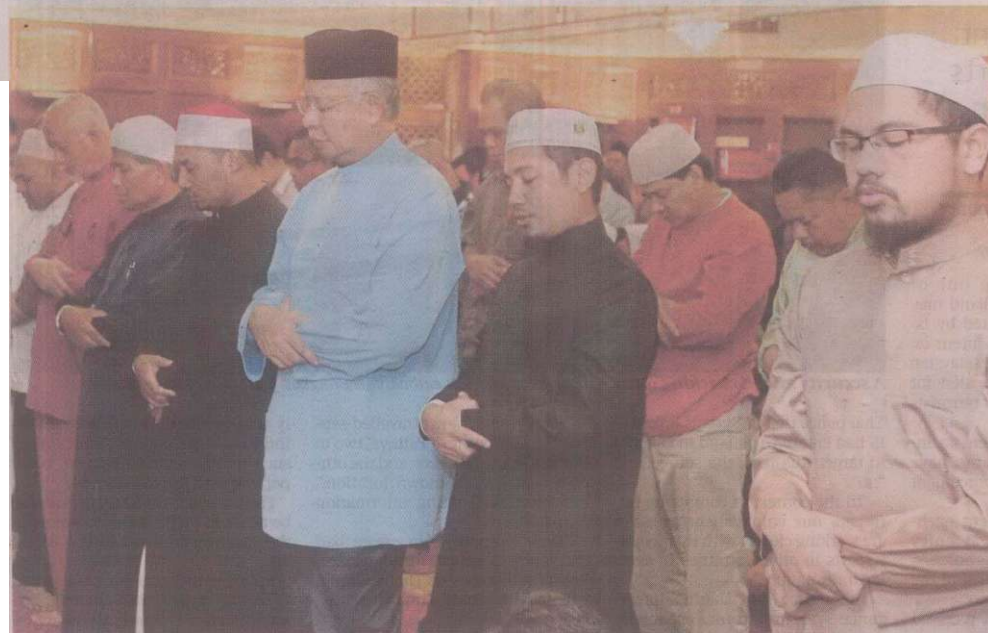
He said prior to 1957, the people's struggle was to help the country achieve independence.

"The Alliance, headed by Umno alongside partners from other races, stood in solidarity and focused its efforts on gaining independence.

"After our nation became independent, our struggle was to develop and modernise the country, besides helping it achieve developed-nation status by 2020."

Najib said since becoming prime minister, he had made every effort to help Malaysia achieve its goals.

"Our destination promises a bet-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak performing Friday prayers with the congregation at Surau Ar-Rahman in the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Pic by Mohd Yusni Ariffin

ter lifefor all of us.

"Let us not get involved in matters that can distract us from working towards fulfilling that vision.

"Stop fighting, stop spreading and believing in slander, and stop doing work that does not bring benefit."

He called on the people to unite to

ensure Malaysia's prosperity and achieve the nation's goals.

In a Facebook post later, Najib shared what he heard during the Friday prayers sermon.

"In conjunction with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities yesterday (Thursday), the *khat-*

ib remindd congregants that we should work together to help and ensure the future of this special group of people."

He said there were an estimated 4.4 million people with disabilities in the country.

However, only 506,228 had reg-

istered with the Welfare Department.

"I hope society will be more aware of the matter and ensure this group registers with the Welfare Department, so that they will receive facilities and privileges provided by the government."