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Perkasa told to tone down

PM: I will not allow racial and religious conflicts to occur

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KUALA LUMPUR; Right wing group Perkasa has been told to "tone down".

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said he would not allow racial and religious conflicts to occur.

He called on disagreeing parties to "sit down and discuss the problems".

"As the PM, I believe there are solutions to solve problems.

"Sit down, discuss and talk over at big *makan* like this, God will lead you if we give and take, love and care for each other and accept our differences," he said.

Najib said this in his speech at the launch of the Christians for Peace and Harmony in Malaysia Movement (CPHM) yesterday, which was attended by over 300 churches, Christian organisations, multi-ethnic non-governmental organisations and other faith-based groups.

Also present was Perkasa president Datuk Ibrahim Ali.

Earlier, he said Malaysia would not be successful if its people deeply distrusted and was suspicious of each other.

"One thing that holds us together is that we are all Malaysians. There is no such thing as calling each other *pendatang*," he said.

Describing peace and harmony



United front: Najib greeting guests at the CPHM launch. Looking on is YTL Corp Bhd managing director Tan Sri Francis Yeoh (Najib's left).

as oxygen, he said people had taken it for granted but they would die without it.

He added Malaysians of different values, cultures and religions would be able to live together in peace if everyone practised moderation.

The new Christian movement, started by a group of concerned

Christian leaders, aims to promote peace, harmony and love among people of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds.

It seeks to work with all faith-based groups to spread the message by organising activities and engaging in dialogues, discussions and consultation to resolve issues.

Its chairman Rev Wong Kim Kong said the movement was formed following a rise in stress on the social fabric of the multi-racial and multi-religious society due to frequent negative and offensive comments.