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PM outlines seven key areas for community to reach greater heights

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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has outlined seven key areas that the Malays need to pay attention to in order to remain strong, build solidarity amongst them and to empower the community to reach greater heights.

The Prime Minister said first and foremost, the Malays must remain strongly rooted to Islam

based on the Quran and Sunnah and never support any form of extremism.

"Secondly, the Malay special rights and the supremacy of the institution of the Malay sultanate must be well preserved," he said at a Malay unity gathering at the Putra Stadium here last night.

The gathering which has drawn tens of thousands of Malays, was organised to relive the first and largest Malay gathering before

Merdeka at Sultan Sulaiman[^] aub in Kampung Baru 69 years ago.

Najib said the third key point was that the Malay development agenda must be based on *Maqasid Syariah* (Islamic Fundamentals) and the teachings of the prophet Muhammad.

He said the fourth point was the move to strengthen the Malay economy to enable them to compete with other races in the country while the fifth point was to encourage and nurture them to be

globally competitive, creative and innovative.

The sixth point was to uphold the *Mahmudah* characteristics (positive characteristics) and avoiding *Mazmumah* characteristics (negative characteristics) while the last was to strengthen family institution as well as the whole community.

People started streaming into the stadium from as early as 5pm although it only officially started at 8.30pm.

Many were seen wearing the traditional Malay attires with the men wearing the baju Melayu complete with the *samping* and *tanjak* (the Malay traditional head-gear).

At the launch of the event, they were also entertained with an LED silat performance.

Earlier, Najib together with the crowd performed the Maghrib prayer led by the National Mosque grand Imam Tan Sri Syaikh Ismail Muhammad.