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'Govt going all out to fight terror'

SECURITY BOOST:
NSC to deliberate on latest militant attacks, says Najib

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MALAYSIA is pulling out all the stops in addressing terror threats, with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak scheduled to chair a National Security Council (NSC) meeting today.

He said the committee would put security measures taken so far under the microscope and deliberate on current developments, including the Jakarta attacks last week.

"We have decided to take all possible measures to stop efforts by terrorists that threaten the country's

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peace and harmony.

"These include the government's decision to introduce the NSC Act 2015, which will allow the government to act effectively against terrorism in the country," he said in a statement yesterday.

Najib said as NSC chairman, he viewed terror threats, especially those involving religious extremism, seriously.

He said the government had instructed security agencies to ramp up efforts to address the possibility of terror threats, following attacks on several big cities.

The Islamic State had claimed responsibility for the attacks on Paris on Nov 13 last year, Istanbul on Jan 12 and Jakarta on Thursday.

Najib urged everyone to cease speculating and spreading information that could stir up anxiety.

"I believe that every citizen who loves peace and harmony is on board with the government's efforts to address terror threats."