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PM: Practise solidarity with good neighbourliness

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UNITY: Need to exercise tolerance and strengthen collaboration

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak called on Malaysians to strengthen collaboration through good neighbourliness.

He said this was the first step towards sustained national solidarity and universal harmony. Najib said the government had been carrying out national unity campaigns based on the 1Malaysia concept.

"In 2016, let's strengthen solidarity among ourselves with greater determination. This time, I suggest that we strengthen collaboration through good neighbourliness," he said in an audio clip on his blog www.najibrazak.com.

Najib said good neighbourliness seemed to be disappearing in urban

areas and people did not even know who their neighbours were, probably due to the fact that they were busy with work, leaving home early in the day and returning late at night.

"It is a pity if we do not practise good neighbourliness because our neighbours are the closest to us who can lend a hand when we are faced with a difficulty," he said.

Najib added that in the old days, good neighbourliness was strong in the rural areas and people were close to one another.

"If there is some good news, then the whole village will be joyful. If there is a feast, the whole village will join hands to cook, make the necessary preparations and so on," he said.

The prime minister suggested that the people forge greater interaction with their neighbours, saying such good relations would ensure harmony where they lived.

"Exercise tolerance and avoid irritating your neighbours. Make a start in this easy way and be good to neighbours," he said.