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PM: All must fight militancy

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Inform police of any suspicious activity, urged Najib

PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has appealed to the people to cooperate in the country's fight against the militant threat.

The Prime Minister said the people should inform the police if they knew of any suspicious activity.

"We are in an era of globalisation. In a borderless world, whatever happens elsewhere can spread to our country, regardless of whether it is an economic or security matter.

"First and foremost, we must reject extremism and militancy. Use awareness, moderation as the basis," he said in a live broadcast over Astro Awani from the Hari Raya open house he hosted at Seri Perdana on Wednesday.

Najib said the Government constantly enhanced national security and took enforcement action to check the activities of the Islamic State (IS) terror group.

The PM said combating terrorism was not just about beefing up security but also rejecting extremist thinking.

"We can defeat these extremist and militant groups by rejecting their ideology and practising the principles of *wasatyyah* or moderation and use it as a foundation for the country," he said.

Najib also called on all quarters to enhance the people's understanding of authentic Islam.

He said the terror attack in Medina was committed by a small group of Muslims who did not understand Islam and killed innocent people, adding that this had tarnished the image of the religion.

At the same event, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said security at KL Sentral would be stepped up to similar levels as at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) to safeguard against any IS attack.



Raya season: Najib shaking hands with Liow at the open house in Seri Perdana. With them are their wives Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and Datin Seri Lee Sun Loo.

He said KL Sentral would now be regarded as a gateway into KLIA, unlike previously, and that more closed-circuit television cameras (CCTVs) and screening machines would be installed there.

He said all passengers and bags destined for KLIA would be subject-

ed to the security checks.

Liow said he had also instructed that security be increased at all airports and train stations.

"We are on high alert," he said but urged the public not to panic.

He said the police have deployed more personnel at the airports.

Liow, who is also MCA president, said the party fully supported the police in fighting the IS threat.