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# 'Fearmongers at work'

PM: NSC Act being deliberately distorted for political reasons

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**Proud moment:** Najib shaking hands with national badminton player Datuk Lee Chong Wei during a meeting with the Malaysian Olympic contingent to Rio in Putrajaya. With him is Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.



**PUTRAJAYA:** The National Security Council (NSC) Act has been deliberately misinterpreted and is not the same as a declaration of national emergency, says Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the national emergency powers remained with the King and that Parliament remained sitting with oversight on any security area declared.

"We were criticised for passing these laws, including by some who fearmongered for political reasons," he said in a statement yesterday.

Najib said the latest terrorist attacks around the world demonstrated that the threat was real and growing.

"We are far from immune in Malaysia, as the first Islamic State (IS) attack on us last month showed," he said, adding that the introduction of new Acts followed requests

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from security forces.

These Acts include Security Offences (Special Measures) Act, the Special Measures against Terrorism in Foreign Countries Act, the Prevention of Terrorism Act, and the NSC Act. The NSC Act comes into effect in August.

"My Government will never apologise for placing the safety and

security of the Malaysian people first. These laws are necessary, and other countries have since followed our lead.

"I can assure Malaysians that the Government will continue to put all possible measures in place to protect you," he said, adding that IS and its perverted ideology had no place in Islam.

"Now is the time for us to unite and play an even greater part alongside the world community in the fight against terrorism," he added.

At a separate function earlier, Najib said the main aim of setting up Felda, which had been achieved with excellence, should also be enjoyed by the second and third generations.

Najib said it was crucial for Felda to utilise its human assets if it wanted to achieve more success in the economy and politics.

"If you unify all your strengths

and resources, I believe that more people, especially the second and third generations, will enjoy the benefits of this networking and pooling of resources," he said at the "Salam Perantauan Warga Felda" gathering here yesterday.

During a ceremony to see off the Malaysian Olympics team, Najib said every Malaysian would be rooting for them, with hope that a gold medal would be won by a Malaysian at the Games.

He called on the 32 athletes competing in various sporting events to do their best and make the country proud.

The winner of the Olympics gold medal will be rewarded with RM1mil and will receive a permanent RM5,000 monthly pension, while winners of silver and bronze medals are to receive RM3,000 and RM2,000 in monthly pensions, respectively.