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# 'Don't resort to street protests'

> Criticise, but do it constructively, says PM

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak has urged youths not to take to the streets in protest as it is not part of Malaysian culture.

Instead of taking to the streets, Najib said, the people must tell the government and show the correct way to do things.

"If you think we are doing something wrong, help us rectify the problem. Criticise us but do it with good intentions.

"Don't go and attend street demonstrations, because demonstrations are not our cup of tea. Don't hold referendums, that is not our cup of tea," he told Youth MPs in Parliament yesterday.

Najib, who is Umno president and Pekan MP, said even though the right to assemble is an international human right this may not necessarily apply in Malaysia.

He said the rule of law must be upheld and Malaysia's sovereignty must not be overridden by international laws.

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"Do it (protest) in line with the federal constitution and adhere to the rule of law. Just now you (Youth MPs) were talking about UN clauses, you must also defend Malaysia's sovereignty in international law.

"Don't use double standards. Don't defend international laws and then ignore our own laws," Najib said.

He also commended the Youth MPs for their oratory and leadership skills shown during their debates on well-researched topics, saying they have what it takes to become future leaders.

Najib said it is possible that some of them might become future elected representatives, with some even holding senior government positions such as menteri besar.

He said Youth Parliament is a platform for youngsters to present their ideas and denied rumours that Youth MPs are required to support the BN government.

"We are giving youths an opportunity and a platform to present their views.

"It is not a requirement that you have to support the government.

"We have never asked that from our Youth MPs," Najib said.



Najib being greeted by the Youth parliamentarians yesterday.