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Malaysians, Saudis gain from strong ties, says PM

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ADVICE: Najib urges Muslims to unite and embrace 'wasatiyyah'

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak praised the strong bilateral relations between the country and Saudi Arabia, and called for all Muslims to unite.

"I am confident that the good relations and cooperation will benefit both countries and its people in various matters and areas," said Najib.

"The Saudi Arabian government has provided much assistance to Malaysians in many areas, including visa facility, emergency relocation of students and others," he said in a post on his blog, www.najibrazak.com.

Najib was on a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia since Friday, where he

also performed the umrah and visited the Knowledge Economic City, Dar Al Madinah Urban and Built Heritage Museum.

He thanked the Saudi government for its assistance to the Malaysian delegation while they were there.

"I had the chance to meet and interact with our students and professionals who are working in Saudi Arabia.

"There are many of them there and I pray that they continue to excel in their studies and professions."

He said the cordial relations between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia had also opened many opportunities for cooperation in core sectors such as the economy and education.

"Together, we must embrace the concept of *wasatiyyah* (moderation) because it is a concept based on the history of

Prophet Muhammad in his efforts to unite the people of Muhajirin and Ansar. Muslims must be united and promote efforts towards solidarity and stop any feuds between one another."

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