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# 'Uphold Prophet's teachings'

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**MAULIDUR RASUL:**  
His guidelines will  
bring glory, unity to  
people, says PM

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**T**RANSFORMING Malaysia into a developed and high-income Islamic country will continue to be the government's priority.

In a blog posting yesterday in conjunction with Maulidur Rasul today, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said this aspiration would be carried out with *wasatiyyah* (moderation) based on *Maqaasid Syariah*

(foundational goals of the syariah) as a governing principle, while *Ahlu Sunnah wal Jamaah* (people who follow the tradition of Prophet Muhammad and the consensus of the ummah) would be the core concept.

He believed that there were *Rabbani* guidelines (attributes that follow Allah's desires) in Prophet Muhammad's *sunnah* (teachings) that had been inherited by the people.

"We believe that in the Prophet's *sunnah*, there will be *Rabbani* guidelines which will bring glory (to the people). And building unity is among the most important *sunnah* that has been inherited by us from Him."

Najib also called on Muslims to appreciate the sacrifices that Prophet Muhammad and His companions went through.

"Let us give thanks to God because

of His grace in 2015, we have a double Maulidur Rasul celebration; on Jan 3, we celebrated for the year 1436H while today's celebration is for the year 1437H. *Alhamdulillah*.

"The Prophet has contributed and sacrificed for Muslims. Together with His companions, He had endured hardship and suffering in upholding the teachings and tenets of Islam and building this ummah."

The term ummah, said Najib, was not just describing people who lived in one place. Instead, it referred to those who live in harmony and unity.

"Ummah is not the term for people who live in one place; but also when millions of people of various races live in different areas.

"When they live in harmony and unity, then they become an ummah. The sense of togetherness is the true foundation of unity, friendship and the Islamic brotherhood. Whereas solidarity is the people's core

strength and dignity."

Najib said it was important for the people to appreciate unity.

"It is important that we value this unity and translate it into a union of love and practical action, starting from the basic unit, such as the family, neighbourhood and even up to the national or international level."

Najib hoped that Malaysia would be a nation that met Allah's description in *Surah Saba'* verse 15 that said: "A good state (peace and prosperous) and (your God is) the most merciful god."

Maulidur Rasul will be followed by Christmas tomorrow.

In view of the long weekend, Najib wished everyone a safe journey back their hometowns. In a tweet, he said: "It's a long weekend. Many people will surely be planning to spend it at their hometowns. I hope everybody drives carefully and reaches their destinations safely."