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# PM: No one will be neglected

Najib assures no citizen will be left behind in march to progress

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**PETALING JAYA:** The Government will ensure that no Malaysian will be neglected in the country's progress towards advanced nation status, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said his administration would remain steadfast in upholding the rights of all Malaysians to practise their faith.

"We have much to look forward to in the New Year, even amidst a time of global uncertainty.

"I wish to reiterate the Government's stand that we will continue our efforts in ensuring that no Malaysian will be left behind as we progress towards an advanced nation.

"We also remain steadfast in upholding the freedom of religion as enshrined in our constitution," he said in his Christmas message.

Najib said Christmas, like the country's other celebrations, would be greeted with similar enthusiasm as everyone comes together to strengthen the bond between friends and family and share the food they love.

"Let us celebrate this festive season and welcome the New Year and make it our mission to help bring Malaysia to the pinnacle of success.

"To all Malaysian Christians, let me once again wish you a Merry Christmas and to all Malaysians, a



**Santa Court:** Shoppers shopping for their Christmas celebrations at the Mid Valley Megamall.

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Happy New Year," he said.

Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman said the state government would continue to push not only for tolerance but acceptance of diversity in race and religion.

"We must not allow hidden agendas or motives to disrupt what Sabah and Malaysia are built on."

He said Sabahans should be

proud of the fact that the people were able to look beyond differences that come with diversity, focusing instead on similarities.

"Though we are diverse in terms of faith and culture, we are able to focus on common values and desire to see peace and harmony prevail."

Gerakan president Datuk Mah Siew Keong said Malaysians should not be distracted or overwhelmed by negativity but to use the occasion to remind themselves of the importance of caring for each other and

helping those in need.

"These are also our common values transcending religious differences; we should rekindle the goodwill and warmth."

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng called for Malaysians to not be swayed by those who sowed discord.

He said Malaysians have fought to ensure that the country was not only tolerant but more importantly respected diversity.

"Our fundamental and basic rights of freedom of religion shall never be compromised," he said.