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Najib: Two leaders a threat to national unity

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KUALA LUMPUR: Lately, national unity has often been threatened by two individuals, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

He said the threat unravelled in two phases, and the first phase, in 2008, saw an opposition leader playing up racist issues.

"He started challenging the Constitution, which enshrines the importance of all communities in Malaysia, and used it as a political issue to reap votes.

"Prior to this, no one would question the Constitution and all strata of society lived in harmony.

"Due to this, after the 12th General Election, national politics became dominated by the race factor," said Najib on his blog, www.najib-razak.com.

He said the second phase started when an elderly leader began fracturing the Malay community by forming a Malay-based political party that resulted in the political pow-

er of the Malay community splitting five ways.

He said opposition parties claiming to be bipartisan and multiracial, through gatherings, continuously attacked the ruling party, further weakening unity.

He said the elderly leader had turned a blind eye to allegations of corruption that were levelled against the party governing Penang.

Sadder still, Najib said, was that the elderly leader was willing to be used by rallies to break the people up, and he had accused the ruling government of the same things he had

been accused of in the past.

"The two leaders of disunity in phases one and two have now joined hands.

"We can expect what they will do to the nation in the third phase.

"This is why it is mandatory that the Malaysia agenda continue," Najib said. **Bernama**

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Datuk Seri Najib Razak