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PM urges Malaysians not to destroy what they have built

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysians must not destroy what they have built by being disunited, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

“Are we willing to let this country disintegrate and disappear in an instant because of a handful of greedy traitors?”

“People in those days would say, *biar putih tulang, jangan putih mata* (it is better to die fighting than to

live with shame).

“We must go all out to deal with traitors and betrayers of the country,” he said in his ‘Amanat Merdeka’ message at the Putra World Trade Centre here last night.

He said Indian independence fighter Mahatma Gandhi had said the meaning of freedom was discipline and adherence to the rule of law.

- Najib expressed regret that some

people were trying to topple the government through undemocratic means, referendums, declarations and street protests.

He cautioned that Malaysia currently faced not only an external enemy, but also a new form of colonialism that permeated and poisoned the minds of the people, involving “dirty hands” from among those in the country.

“Even in Islamic teachings that was debated by prominent ulama, the ends do not justify the means.”

He said Merdeka meant standing on one’s own feet, with one’s own volition.

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