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# Najib: Malaysia thriving, not a failed state



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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Far from being a failed state, Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak said Malaysia is a thriving country that attracts huge investments and has been acclaimed by global institutions such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund for the reforms undertaken.

The prime minister said he would never jeopardise Malaysia's sovereignty, in efforts to bring more foreign direct investment (FDI), Bernama reported.

He said those who say FDI led to the country selling its sovereignty were "crit-

ics with little knowledge of economics".

"To say so is pure ignorance and shows a complete lack of understanding of how trade between nations benefits all parties, especially the people," he said when addressing the Publish Asia event and the 16th Asian Media Awards organised by the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) last night.

Also present were Bernama chairman Datuk Seri Azman Ujang and WAN-IFRA president Marcelo Rech.