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KUALA LUMPUR: There is no reason for Malaysia to deliberately put North Korea in bad light over the probe on the death of Kim Jong-Nam, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

Najib said investigations on the death of Jong-Nam, who is North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un's half-brother, is being conducted in a professional manner.

In response to a press conference held by North Korean ambassador to Malaysia, Kang Chol, Najib said he had "absolute confidence" in the way the Malaysian investigation team is handling the case.

"We will be objective and we expect them (North Korean government) to understand that we apply the rule of law in Malaysia," Najib told reporters when met after the Religion and Civilisational Sustainability International Conference at the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia.

Kang Chol accused the

government of conspiring with "hostile forces" over the incident and demanded that a joint investigation be conducted. He was later summoned to Wisma Putra over his comments.

Jong-Nam, who was travelling on a passport with the name "Kim Chol", died in Malaysia after allegedly being attacked by two women at the KL International Airport 2 last week.

In his speech at the conference, Najib said Malay Muslims in the country have long been regarded as an example of moderate Muslims.

He said this was due to the practice of moderation being propagated by the government in setting the policy of Malaysia, such as through the concept of "Islam Hadhari" during Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's

administration and the current championing of "wasatiyyah".

Najib said moderation was important in governing a diversified country as it allows the public to see religion as a unifying factor, rather than a force of division.

"Here, we have Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Taoists, Hindus and members of other faiths."

"In the past two months alone, we had Thaipusam, Chinese New Year and Christmas."

