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# PM: UPHOLD SANCTITY OF QURAN

Reject attempts to link Islam with terrorism, says Najib

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**M**USLIMS should uphold the teachings of the Quran by rejecting any deviation and attempts to link Islam with ter-

rorism and extremism.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said this was because the Quran taught mercy, humanity and justice.

However, he said, the appreciation of the Quran was marred by incidents of mass murders and violence committed by Muslims in the name of Islam during Ramadan.

"If left unchecked, the noble image of the Quran will be cloaked in negative perceptions."

Najib wrote this yesterday on his blog, NajibRazak.com, in a special message for Nuzul Quran (Quran

revelation) day today.

He said Muslims should make the most out of the fasting month and live life according to the teachings of the Quran.

"Let us light up this Ramadan with *talaqqi* (Islamic lessons), *tadarrus* (reciting the Quran), *tadabbur* (pondering the meaning of Quranic verses), and take in as many benefits and teachings from the Holy Book.

"I hope we will continue to be bestowed with health and prosperity to make full use of this Ramadan and other future Ramadans.

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"I pray that the blessings of the Nuzul Quran will unite our hearts into becoming the best ummah (people)."

He said Malaysia had always strove to fulfil the guidance from the Quran so that Muslims would better appreciate it.

He said the Quran would serve as a shield to those who read, understood and practised its teachings.

"As a committed and progressive Islamic country, Malaysia will continue to fulfil the obligations from the Quran."

He said the 59th Malaysia

International Al-Quran Recital and Memorisation Assembly displayed the nation's maturity in instilling Quranic values in Muslims.

"Our country not only emphasises material development, but also human capital.

"This is the decisive factor behind economic and social progress."

Najib said through policies and principles, including the Syariah Index and the *wasatiyyah* (moderation) concept, Islam would not become synonymous with negativity.