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# Use social media to inculcate patriotism, says Najib

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The impact of social media should not be underestimated as more than 20 million Malaysians are active users, making it an effective platform to disseminate information.

In his blog, [www.najibrazak.com](http://www.najibrazak.com) yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said it was incumbent that users be responsible in utilising the medium, just like a number who had done so to inculcate patriotism.

For example, he said there was one "Dr Abdul Rahman" who

used social media to remind the public on the country's healthcare service charges that had remained unchanged for decades.

"The responsibility of a social media user is big as he or she can influence people. Use that influence to inculcate a love for the nation.

"I hope there would be more social media users like Dr Abdul Rahman, who chose to remind society of government efforts and policies. His sharing on the healthcare service charges has become viral on Facebook."

Najib, who had earlier attended a breaking of fast session called #MariBerjumaRamadan with his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor in Brickfields here, expressed his joy to be reunited with his "online friends".

In a speech, he took the opportunity to remind them of their role as social media users.

"Spread positive news about the country and don't get entrenched in spreading negative stories. Hopefully, we will succeed in creating a positive and loving society."



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, in a group photo at the #MariBerjumaRamadan event in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF PM'S FACEBOOK PAGE

He said social media had allowed him to interact and get closer to the people, especially young Malaysians.

"Through the #MariBerhubung programme that was implemented since 2014, I have become close to many users and big names in social media at (several) laid-back sessions, where we talk

about current issues. They gave me their opinions, as well as their feedback."

Among those who attended the session were popular host Datuk Aznil Nawawi, social media celebrity Wak Doyok, fashion designer Fuzana Mokhtaza and Kiplang Bateri founder in Johor, Johhan Ropi.