

Newspaper	THE STAR
Date	31 MAY 2017

Reject extremist teachings, says PM

The Star - 31/5/2017 pg. 2

In the wake of terrorist attacks abroad, Najib calls on Muslims to protect innocent lives

PUTRAJAYA: Muslims in Malaysia must reject all extreme teachings which could lead to animosity or suicide attacks, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Commenting on the bombing in Manchester, England, and clashes between Philippine forces and militants in Mindanao involving Malaysians recently, he said among the pillars of Islamic teachings was self-defence and the lives of others.

“Let us not forget, one of the principles of Islam is to protect lives.

“Our lives are not ours but belong to Allah,” he said at a *buka puasa* event with *ulama* members of Islamic NGOs at his official residence, Seri Perdana yesterday.

Also present were his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Datuk Dr

Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki.

Najib also stressed the importance of Muslims to unite to uphold Islam and ensure the future of the *ummah* (the faithful).

He said unity was the foundation for all noble aspirations as the agenda to uphold Islam can no longer be borne by the Government alone.

“If we isolate each other, ignore each other and do not seek ways to unite, we will surely be defeated.

“The Government cannot meet the Islamic agenda unless the NGOs fight for the sake of Allah, so unity is the most effective weapon,” he added.

He also urged the *ulama* to continue their efforts with honesty and lead with fairness to uphold Islam for the good of the people.

“According to the Prophet’s *hadith*, if *ulama* are good, then all will be good, but if they are not, then everything will be destroyed,” he said. — Bernama



A good cause: Najib handing over a mock cheque for RM803,205 to Hafizi Abdillah Rusli who will then pass it on to 319 students of religious schools. — Bernama