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'DON'T BE DECEIVED BY FAKE NEWS'

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There are parties tarnishing nation's image for their own agenda, warns Najib

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MALAYSIANS are advised not to be deceived by fake news as there are certain parties who wish to "paint a different picture" of Malaysia, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

He said those involved were doing it for their own benefit by spreading untrue stories about the country.

"So, please don't be deceived by fake news. There is more than enough of that and we don't want them to obscure the achievements and success of Malaysia's transformation, a transformation that all Malaysians, whatever their views, ought to be proud of," Najib said when delivering his keynote address at the 19th Asia Oil and Gas Conference here yesterday.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Saudi Arabia's Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources Minister Khalid A. Al-Falih (to Najib's right) arriving at the 19th Asia Oil and Gas Conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With them are Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein (third from right) and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan (right). PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD

The two-day conference brings together eminent industry leaders, policymakers and delegates from around the world.

Najib said the people who really knew Malaysia were well aware

that there was every reason to have confidence in the country.

He said these people knew that under the stewardship of this government, there had been years of healthy growth, that 2.26

million new jobs had been created.

Besides that, he said, unemployment and inflation had been kept low and that the Gross National Income had increased by

nearly 50 per cent.

"This did not happen by chance. It happened because the government had a plan. That plan has been delivered and is continuing to deliver."