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PM: Tell the world we're peace-loving nations

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PETALING JAYA: All Muslim countries and leaders must make it absolutely clear to the world there is nothing Islamic about terrorism, says Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"Authentic Islam is a religion of enlightenment, civilisation and scholarship, not of destruction and death," he said.

The Prime Minister said this in his blog in conjunction with his attendance at the two-day Arab-Islamic-US Summit in Riyadh. It ends today.

The summit gathers leaders of the Islamic world as well as United States President Donald Trump.

Strengthening security ties is also a main concern in the summit.

"High on the agenda will be the fact that although the so-called caliphate established by Daesh in Iraq and Syria is diminishing, none should doubt that the threat from terrorists who blaspheme the name of Islam remains high," said Najib yesterday.

"We must ensure the barbarism we see in Syria and Iraq is rooted out.

"We must show that we stand ready to confront terror swiftly. We must never surrender."

The Prime Minister, who arrived in Saudi Arabia yesterday afternoon, said the summit could not be more timely or more necessary.

He expressed confidence that the gathering would renew and re-energise the friendship between all the countries present, as well as produce new roadmaps for cooperation, security and understanding.

Najib also noted Malaysia's experience in rehabilitating those who had strayed has been successful.

"Our de-radicalisation programme has worked with hundreds of extremists, and has had a 95% success rate in re-integrating them so that they can return to the mainstream.

"This shows that even those who have fallen prey to false and evil ideologies can ultimately reject them, and be a warning, an example and an instruction to others," he said.



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Royal greeting: Najib accompanied by Riyadh's deputy governor Prince Mohammed Abdulrahman upon arriving at the King Salman Air Base. — Bernama