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## Najib: Don't be influenced by failed state propaganda

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WASHINGTON • Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak said Malaysians abroad should not be influenced by propaganda that Malaysia was a failed state.

The prime minister said there was ample evidence to show that Malaysia is heading towards developed nation status.

For instance, he pointed out, Malaysia's trade value between January and July this year reached RM1.01 trillion, or a 22.7% increase over the same period last year.

The prime minister cited infrastructure development such as the mass rapid transit system and Pan Borneo Highway as some of the driving forces in placing Malaysia among the top 20 developed countries.

Najib presented these facts during his meeting with President Donald Trump at the White House yesterday.

The prime minister said this at a gathering with Malaysian students and Malaysians living in the US at the Malaysian Embassy here.

Also present were Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim, Malaysian Ambassador to the US Tan Sri Dr Zulhasnan Rafique and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa.

The prime minister said his meeting with Trump would enable him to impress on the US about Malaysia's determination to become a developed nation and a country of opportunities.

He said Malaysia would continue to support global efforts to combat terrorism and present the true image of Islam and its teachings.

Meanwhile, Najib said Malaysia's relations with the US remain strong in spite of the leadership change.

There are about 28,000 Malaysians living in cities throughout the US. —  
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