

'NO COMPROMISE ON EXTREMISM'

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Malaysia prioritises moderation, harmony between different races, religions, says PM

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THE government will not compromise with any form of extremism that can threaten racial harmony, public order and security. Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said taking an extreme approach to the matter could cause unrest in Malaysia's multiracial society.

"We must remember Malaysia is a multiracial country which prioritises moderation and harmonious relations between people of different races and religions."

He was speaking after a meeting with Yayasan Dakwah Islamiah Malaysia (Yadim) representatives.

He said meetings with non-governmental organisations (NGOs), such as Yadim, were important to help the government gather feedback from Muslims, empower Islamic institutions and uphold the principles of Islam.

He said the principles include defending Islam as the federation's official religion, upholding the royal institution, upholding the Yang di-Pertuan Agong's position as Malaysia's ruler and head of Islam, upholding Islamic law, empowering Islamic education, strengthening the unity of the *ummah*, and boosting *zakat* (alms) and *wakaf* (mortmain property) institutions.

Muhyiddin said NGO leaders had raised concerns about challenges faced by Muslims in the development of movements and lifestyles that were deemed a



Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin receiving a document on Yayasan Dakwah Islamiah Malaysia's seven resolutions from the organisation's president, Nasrudin Hassan, in Putrajaya yesterday. With them are Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Seri Dr Zulkifli Mohamad Al-Bakri (second from left) and his deputy, Ahmad Marzuk Shaary (right). BERNAMA PIC

threat to the faith and its values.

"These include the ideologies of Western liberalism and secularism that do not view religion as important in people's lives. Instead, they (the West) glorify unlimited individual liberties to the point of breaching Islamic law.

"The ideologies were established on various platforms at the international level and in Malaysia, which led to demands for reviews of Islamic law. These include calling for the abolishment of some laws and practices, such as on

the LGBT and deviant teachings which go against Islamic law."

He said such developments were a cause for alarm among Muslims in Malaysia, who are guided by the teachings of Sunnah Wal Jamaah (Sunni school of Islamic thought).

He noted the calls for the government to be consistent in defending the faith as well as the position of Islam as provided for by the Federal Constitution and state constitutions.

He said the Perikatan Nasional government would be more sensitive and responsive to the voices of Islamic NGOs.

He said platforms like Yadim and other direct communication channels would be optimised to boost *dakwah* (missionary) efforts and the development of the Muslim community.

He said the government welcomed feedback from NGOs and was open to collaborations with them for the betterment of Muslims and the country.

Yadim president Nasrudin Hassan earlier submitted seven resolutions to Muhyiddin to achieve the organisation's aims.

The first resolution aims to

strengthen Muslim unity through good values and the rejection of any ideologies that are against the teachings of Sunni Islam.

The second resolution is on taking initiatives to form *pe-muafakatan sahsiah* (moral consensus) via the unity of the *ummah*.

The third is a proposal from Yadim to tackle social problems through religious approaches by emphasising welfare and via the empowerment of NGOs.

The fourth resolution is on issues concerning human rights and laws in line with Malaysia's Constitution and sociopolitics.

The fifth resolution seeks to use education as a foundation for Muslim unity, as well as to conduct proactive and responsive actions on educational issues.

The sixth resolution involves boosting awareness of the importance of the Islamic economic agenda and consumerism in the Muslim community while empowering related institutions.

Lastly, Yadim seeks to mobilise its Majlis Amal Islami Malaysia as a platform to unify Islamic NGOs and create a collaborative framework and strategic collaborations.

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