

## BOOK LAUNCH

# RAZAK LEGACY 'A COMPASS FOR THE PRESENT'

**Country's second  
PM was committed  
to democracy,  
integrity and unity,  
says Sultan Nazrin**

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**M**ALAYSIANS must revisit the country's past to navigate current challenges, said

Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin  
Muizzuddin Shah.

He cited as an example the visionary leadership of former prime minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, whose legacy was described as a "compass for the present". This was due to Razak's un-

yielding commitment to democracy, integrity and national unity.

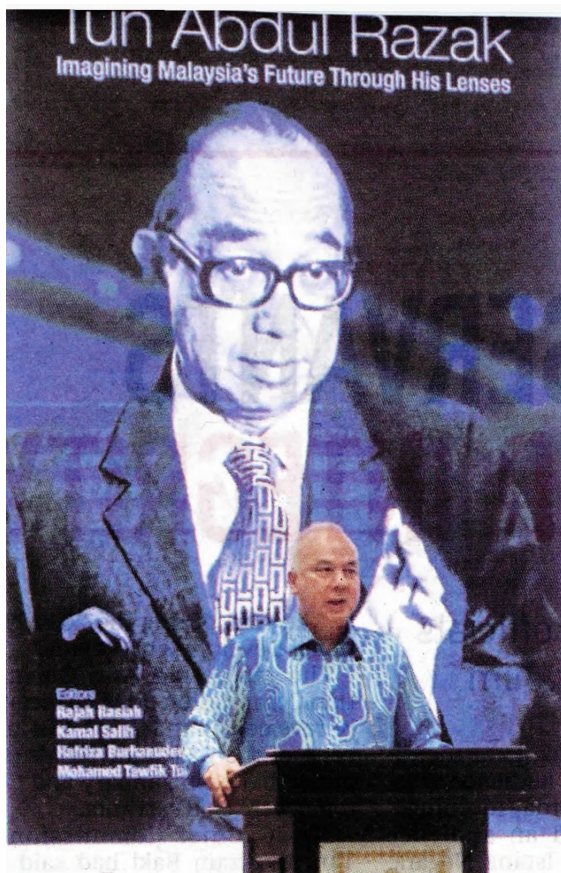
"Indeed, perhaps the greatest challenge that Razak faced was to heal a young country badly shaken by the riots of May 1969 and to prevent further violence.

"He achieved this in part by taking strong and decisive steps, but also through democratic means, to which he was strongly committed," he said during the launching of the book titled *Tun Abdul Razak: Imagining Malaysia's Future Through His Lenses* here yesterday.

Sultan Nazrin said Razak was known for his ability to identify new, young talent and his willingness to nurture them.

"He always prioritised what he felt was best for the country, and so welcomed brilliant new additions to his administration with open arms.

"Many, of course, went on to contribute so much to our coun-



*Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah says former prime minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein always prioritised what he felt best for the country. NSTP PIC BY HAIRUL ANUAR RAHIM*

try, including Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Tun Musa Hitam and Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.”

Sultan Nazrin added that the same commitment could be seen in Razak’s approach to the civil service.

“He only ever appointed qualified and competent administrators and technocrats.

“And he gave them the confidence to speak truth to those in power, and to be honest to their superiors without fear of reprisal,” he said.

Sultan Nazrin praised the book’s approach, noting that it drew inspiration from Razak to guide readers through today’s complex challenges.

“One crucial lesson that emerges

clearly from the book is the importance of taking a long-term approach to development. Razak dedicated his entire life to public service.

“From the moment he first took up public office in the 1950s until his untimely death in 1976, he worked tirelessly on what one might call the nuts and bolts of our development.

“From Felcra and Felda to Mara and Risda, he painstakingly put the building blocks of our development path into place.

“These efforts laid the groundwork for what he then accomplished during his short premiership, which together form his lasting and invaluable legacy,” he said.