

**Government Has Never Taken Lightly Plight Of Indians - Najib  
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KLANG, Nov 11 (Bernama) -- The government has never taken lightly the plight of Indians in the country, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the government had helped solve many problems faced by the community since several years ago like the problem of personal identity documents.

"The government has a special committee to look into the problems faced by Indians and as such, I see no reason for the Indian community not to support the government," he said at the national-level Deepavali open house held at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Kampung Jawa here Thursday night.

Also present were his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim.

Najib said the government might have made some mistakes in the past but had learned from them and now understood very well the Indian community and was doing its best for them.

"We won't take the Indian community for granted," he said.

He said as the Indian's representative in the Barisan Nasional (BN), MIC president Datuk G.Palanivel and other MIC leaders would be given all the assistance they needed to help resolve problems faced by the Indian community.

Najib said national unity was still strong in the country as could be seen by the multi-racial crowds at open houses of the major festivals.

He said he was deeply touched that more than 24,000 people attended today's function which had expected a turnout of about 10,000 people.

"Deepavali which is called the festival of lights by Hindus is all the more meaningful as it has brought together people of various races here tonight," he said.

He also said Malaysians were blessed to be living in a peaceful and progressive country despite economic woes being faced by many countries.

Some countries were facing demonstrations and riots because of austerity measures taken by their governments in addressing their economic problems, he added.

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