

**No Compromise On Basic Principles Of Islam, Malays - Raja Nazrin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 26 (Bernama) -- The basic principles of Islam and Malays as enshrined in the constitution cannot be compromised, said Raja Muda of Perak Raja Dr Nazrin Shah.

He urged all quarters not to resort to any excuses, deceptions or short-term goals which would put the future of Muslims in jeopardy.

"The ummah (Muslim community) must be sturdy, and stand firm and unyielding," he said at the state Islamic councils congress opened by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin here Monday.

Raja Dr Nazrin said the interpretation of the constitution from the perspective of respecting history on the formation of Malaysia was pertinent while the consensus reached must be honoured.

The erosion of the sanctity of Islam could occur or implicitly schemed at home or from abroad, he said, adding that, transgression against Islam had not only been seen happening but also occurring openly.

"It may begin with a reception, a song, a camp, a visit where token gifts were given, it may also start with a verse - a ceramah (talk)," he said.

Raja Dr Nazrin said Islam would be eroded when the responsibility to uphold the religion lacked monitoring and it was being used to gain influence and power to the extend of compromising the principles of faith.

Today the holy name of Allah has been used to the extend of touching the sensitivities of Muslims, misleading the faith of Muslim children, hurting the feelings of Muslims, he said.

Raja Dr Nazrin also reminded Muslims that they were confronted with the problem of unity as they appear to be obsessed with the attitude of "winning applause but losing homes".

"Political leadership among Muslims today no longer inculcate the spirit of reconciliation after disagreement," he added.

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