

**Avoid Roads From Becoming Sea Of Unmarked Graves, PM Reminds Road Users**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 23 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today reminded road users to plan their travel before returning to their villages and hometowns for Raya to avoid the roads from becoming "a sea of unmarked graves".

He said amidst the excitement of celebrating Hari Raya with their families and friends back home, road users must be prepared physically and mentally as a little loss of concentration could invite tragedy.

"I am personally concerned and sad over cases of fatal road accidents and the suffering of others involved in these accidents.

"When we talk about road safety, it's always related to road accidents and it's a tragedy even if there's only one accident. I believe road accidents can be reduced if the drivers pay more attention to safety aspects and practise courteous driving," he said in his video-recorded special message delivered at the National Defence University of Malaysia, here, today.

The launching of the special programme was by Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob. Present with some 1,000 undergraduates was the university's vice-chancellor Lt Gen Datuk Allatif Mohd Noor.

Najib, seen in a pink baju Melayu in the video, reminded drivers to be always courteous and avoid "racing" on the roads.

"Avoid the urge to speed and control your behaviour on the roads because a split second of carelessness can cause a lifetime of misery," he advised.

To reduce road accidents during the festive seasons, he said the government last year spent RM15.6 million on works to improve the conditions at 37 accident hot spots along the federal roads, which recorded 395 accidents.

"Thank God, after this was done, no accident had been reported at these locations until June this year," he added.

At the end of the four-minute video, Najib wished Selamat Hari Raya to all on behalf of his family and Cabinet ministers, and recited a pantun:

1Malaysia teguh berpadu (1Malaysia strong in unity)

Kekal bersatu dalam harmoni (Remain united in harmony)

Ingatan Buat Para Pemandu (A reminder to all drivers)

Pemanduan Berhemah Amalan Murni (Courteous driving a noble practice)

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