

Do not discredit security forces, says Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 – Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has condemned statements by anyone that discredited the sacrifices of the country's security forces in the struggle for independence.

He said it was regrettable that there were people who hero-worshipped the outlawed Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) which he said was anti-national and against God and religion.

Najib (picture) said this in his special message for Aidilfitri and the 54th anniversary of independence, and was apparently referring to a statement allegedly made by PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu.

"While we are in a celebrative mood, let's not ever forget the sacrifices and blood and sweat of our forefathers and members of our security forces who fought for independence," Najib said in his message broadcast over Radio Television Malaysia.

He said the people should bear in mind that what the country enjoyed so far did not come by accident or that it could be sustained if the country's independence was not appreciated or safeguarded.

Najib said that it was important that the people nurture national unity and patriotism. He also said that the coming of Aidilfitri and National Day celebrations brought about a deep meaning about how blessed Malaysia was.

The prime minister called on the people to continue with the open house tradition, and assured them that the government would continue to provide direct subsidy on essential items such as rice, cooking oil, flour and sugar as well as fuel such as the RON 95 petrol, diesel and liquefied petroleum gas.

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