

Guan Eng forced to apologise, says Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 30 — Datuk Seri Najib Razak has said that Lim Guan Eng's apology to the Johor Sultan for disparaging the state was made only because the Penang chief minister had no other recourse.

"We have the recording, which makes it difficult for him to deny what he did. If he could deny it, he would not have apologised," the prime minister was quoted saying in a Bernama Online report today.

Lim made the apology earlier today, stating out that he had no intention of discrediting the state.

The mea culpa was in response to an audio recording in which the DAP secretary-general appeared to make unfavourable remarks about Johor's crime rate.

Lim insisted, however, that his statements were misrepresented by the Barisan Nasional-controlled media and remained adamant on taking legal action against these outlets, beginning with state news agency Bernama.

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