

Malay unity key to national unity, says Najib
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GURUN, Feb 25 — Malay unity is key to national unity, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, adding that this could be reflected through groups such as silat associations.

“A silat association truly reflects Malay unity and its struggles. Its spirit of togetherness and brotherhood must be adopted by all.

“If we are to achieve national unity, the main key to it is unity among the Malays.

“Therefore, it is important for the race to remain united,” he was quoted by The Star Online as saying at a gathering of Seni Silat Pusaka Gayong Malaysia members.

He also said the struggle for the country did not end with Malaysia achieving independence but should continue until the country and Malays achieving excellence.

“Until we are put at the highest place of honour, we should close ranks, strengthen unity and move forward until the aspirations of our forefathers are realised,” he was quoted as saying.

Bernamea reported that Najib was later bestowed the “Imam Khalifah Agong Gayong” award by the silat association.

The award, which carries the title “Sri Tri Buana Gangga Simanjakani Chula Sakti”, was presented by the martial arts group’s president, Raja Datuk Abdul Majid Raja Mat Isa.

Najib’s wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, was presented an award which carries the title “Sri Pelangi Srikandi Utama” at the ceremony held at the Kriss Modenas sports complex here.

The prime minister is on a one-day visit to Kedah.

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