

Najib Calls On Islamic Organisations To Help Make Malaysia First Fully-developed Islamic Country
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PUTRAJAYA, April 6 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak today called on Islamic organisations in the country to help Malaysia become the first Islamic country to achieve the status of a fully-developed nation.

The prime minister also expressed hope that with the strong spirit showed by these organisations, the dream would become a reality.

"I have one dream. I want Malaysia to remain an Islamic country and let us create history by becoming the first Islamic country to achieve the status of a fully-developed nation," he said at a Federal Territories Qaryah/Religious Group Gathering with the Prime Minister here.

Najib said if Malaysia achieved the status of a fully-developed nation, the religious organisations would also progress and the government would be able to channel more allocations to empower and uplift the status of Islam.

Inadvertently, he said, it would also help the government to rule the country better and lead Malaysia towards more positive development.

"What we make from a good administration, we must give back to the people, including Islamic groups. I promise when our economy grows, the government will take a very good care of the wellbeing of these groups," he said.

During the event attended by about 5,000 members of Islamic organisations, the prime minister also commended them for their commitment and participation in the government's transformation agenda.

He said when the concept of 1Malaysia was introduced, it did not stray from Islamic teachings, as one of the key values promoted in the concept of 1Malaysia was the concept of moderation or 'Wasatiyyah'.

"Moderation neither means doing more or less nor doing things with thoughtless attitude... but doing things balanced in terms of spiritual and material," he said.

Najib said the moderation value would not only form a good nation, but would also preserve good relationship between Muslims and non-Muslims.

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