

**Najib calls for unity in Wesak Day address**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 5 — Datuk Seri Najib Razak called out for tolerance and the celebration of diversity in his Wesak day speech today. According to a Bernama online report, the prime minister reminded the public on the need to stay united in the spirit of 1 Malaysia in the effort to build the nation. He also cautioned the public from engaging in activities that could harm the country.

The prime minister, who was joined by Health Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, Federal Territory and Urban Well-Being Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin and Malaysian Buddhist Chief High Priest Datuk K.Dhammaratana Thera, made the address at the Buddhist Maha Vihara temple in Brickfields in conjunction with the Wesak Day celebration. The theme for this year's Wesak day is Day "Patriotism and Religious Harmony for a United Malaysia".

Najib (picture) said that good values "has to be practised and assimilated at different levels". He added that he was convinced of the bright future for Malaysia due to the contribution from the people in the country.

The prime minister cited the survey conducted by Global Peace Index which indicated Malaysia as the 19th safest and peaceful country, and thanked the Malaysian public for their concerted support and hard work to ensure peace and prosperity in the country.

Datuk Sri Liow also commended the public and stressed that the spirit of goodwill, respect, tolerance, understanding and patience are essential to ensure unity and peace in the country.

The health minister pointed out that "Malaysian must heed this clarion call in spirit of 1 Malaysia with goodwill, understanding and respect as the basis for a progressive and united nation,".

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