

**Government Will Quash Any Threat Bent On Disrupting Public Order - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 2 (Bernama) -- The government will continue to act firmly without compromise, to quash any threat bent on disrupting public order, said the prime minister.

"Although this might be despised by certain groups, including foreign powers, we will never bow to any pressure.

"We will take appropriate measures to ensure the rights of the majority to live peacefully will continue to be preserved," said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said this in his congratulatory speech and pledge of loyalty to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Muadzam Shah at an investiture ceremony, in conjunction with his 84th birthday at the Istana Negara here today.

"The welfare and prosperity of the people is the highest goal of the government of the people and for the people, which was given the mandate to rule the country, and democratically-elected leaders.

"This means, we cannot afford to let the most important foundation of democracy, that is, the superiority of majority, be destroyed by those who want to uphold the misplaced law of the jungle by thinking that the loudest, most cunning and most violent, as the most capable and truthful.

"This course of action and thinking must be rejected in the strongest terms," said Najib.

He said, as peace-loving people, Malaysians should defend the institution and system which was proven to have benefited national life, and not raising doubts, what more distrust of the people.

As such, he said, the people should always appreciate the difficulties of the government in transforming the country, and not let any group to destroy what had been achieved for short-term interests.

He said a healthy national dialogue should always be encouraged as differences of opinion could be channelled constructively to the people and the country.

"National maslahat (public welfare and interests) should be discussed in an orderly manner to find the best solution, and not be expressed incoherently in a crazy manner on the streets.

"The use of dirty tactics to achieve political objectives will only harm the country. Let us remember that the end must never justify the means," he said.

Najib said, of late, the people were more aware that the government authorities were deliberately disputed and ridiculed by certain groups.

"In short, whatever successes created by us are not acknowledged by these groups as they did not benefit from them, even to their detriment," he said.

He said the country would lag far behind and lose in competitions if it continued to be bogged down by endless problems and conflicts.

The prime minister said, despite the obstacles, the government would be undeterred and instead, stay focused, determined and more courageous on the path of righteousness.

"The crux of the matter, is that the government will continue to uphold the law, customs, trust and promises made," he added.

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