

We'll take more steps to combat crime, says Najib

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ADDRESSING GROWING CONCERNS: Govt committed to making nation a safe place, says PM

MUAR: THE government will not rest on its laurels but will continue to tighten security to combat crime, despite a drop in the crime index, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said.

He said although the National Key Result Areas showed a reduction in crime cases, more measures would be implemented to ensure the people felt safe.

"I am responsible for the country's security and I'm aware of the growing concerns about the crime situation."

Najib said: "The government is committed to making Malaysia a safe place.

"We are not resting on our laurels but will continue with efforts to heighten security," he said in his speech, which was read by Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein at the launch of the state-level "Fly the Jalur Gemilang" at Tanjung Emas Square, here, on Tuesday night.

Speaking later, Hishammuddin called on the people to help the authorities to combat crime.

He said the public should become "the eyes and ears" for the police to fight off the recent spate of violent crimes.

"Everyone must be with us on this to show how serious we are in fighting this menace."

Hishammuddin said compared with other countries, Malaysia was a stable country and did not face much threat from terrorists or religious extremists.

On the memorandum of understanding on assistance in the field of transnational crimes between Malaysia and United States that was signed between him and the United States Attorney-General Eric H. Holder Jr in Cyberjaya on Tuesday, he said this mutual determination to work together to address transnational criminal activities was an important step forward.

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