

Najib: Time for world to inculcate a culture of peace
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KUALA LUMPUR: The time has come to discard the eye for an eye approach and make way for a global movement for a culture of peace, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the global community must take the movement to every human mind in order to extinguish the evils of intolerance, prejudice, ignorance and selfishness that compel them to repeat the cycle of violence.

"Spreading the culture of peace, in my opinion is most critical to the society.

"If society is to come out of the shadows of conflict and make a new beginning, its members must be inculcated in a culture of peace," he said in his keynote address at an international forum held in conjunction with the Umno general assembly.

He said the culture of peace was a set of values, attitudes and ways of life based on principles of freedom, justice, democracy, tolerance, solidarity and respect for diversity, dialogue and understanding.

He said Malaysia's contribution was to promote the global movement of moderates that called on everyone irrespective faith to spread the message of peace.

Najib said the prevention of conflict would be far less expensive than trying to resolve it, adding it presented the best possibilities for peace.

"If conflict prevention is going to be taken seriously then early warning systems which will indicate when and where conflicts are likely to take place have to be developed, put in place and taken seriously," he said.

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