

**Discipline vital aspect of police duties, says Najib**  
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PRIORITY: PM says it is necessary to face challenges in a complex society

KUALA LUMPUR: POLICEMEN must possess a high level of discipline without the need to be monitored by superiors at all times.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said having a strong sense of discipline was needed to face the ever-changing challenges in a society that was becoming more complex each day.

The transformation of attitude and discipline, Najib said, could earn the police force more respect from society.

"It is like fasting during Ramadan. We can abstain ourselves (from things that can cancel one's fast) at home because we know God sees everything.

"If you (the police force) apply similar discipline in your duties, you will be respected by the people and your successes will be more prominent," he said at a breaking of fast with 5,000 police personnel at the Police Training Centre in Jalan Semarak here last night.

Present were Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Seri Dr Ali Hamsa and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar.

Najib said society was more aware of human rights issues and their rights under the law, and had a high demand for accountability not only from the police, but also the government.

"As the people become more educated and urbanised, they give priority on the need for security.

"In this respect, we (the police, the government and the people) have the responsibility to uphold the nation's security and peace."

The prime minister also called for a strong leadership with well-organised standard operating procedures coupled with modern technology.

In this respect, he said, the government would upgrade the police's abilities in all aspects.

"I am glad to learn what the police need to execute their duties better and we will not take it lightly."

He said the police should continue aiding the government to maintain peace and harmony so that the nation's future remained bright.

Najib also urged the police to continue throwing their support behind the Government Transformation Plan 2.0 to ensure its success.

The prime minister also thanked the police for their contributions in upholding the nation's security, which allowed the government to roll out its plans for progress and development.

Earlier, Ismail thanked the prime minister for remembering the contributions and sacrifices of the police force.

He cited the 1Malaysia Privilege Card as an example of how the government had understood the needs of military and police personnel.

Najib later handed out cheques to three widows of policemen who lost their lives in the line of duty and 15 policemen who were paralysed or injured.

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