

**Faith, Principles Of Islam Cannot Be Politicised - Najib
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KOTA BAHARU, Jan 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today said that the matter of faith and principles of Islam cannot be compromised and politicised.

He said the Muslims in the country should reject and not give their supports to any efforts carried out by certain quarters to confuse and deviate them from their faith and beliefs.

"When Lim Guan Eng (DAP secretary-general) did something wrong like that, why should we support him? It hurts the feelings of the Muslims.

"This is the matter of religion, of faith and of principles of Islam that cannot be compromised. This is not a political matter," he said when opening the Promises Fulfilled Tour programme at the Rural Transformation Centre in Tunjung here today.

Najib was hitting out at PAS for giving its support to DAP in the issue to allow the use of the word 'Allah' in the Malay-language Bible.

The prime minister explained that Muslims never had the intention to hurt the feelings of the non-Muslims, and vice versa, and that social agreement had been the foundation that ensured peace and harmony in the country all this while.

Lim, who is also Penang Chief Minister, made the call to allow the use of 'Allah' word in the Malay-language Bible in his address at a Christmas do in Penang.

The call received the protest from various quarters, but was somehow supported by DAP allies, including PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang and spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, as well as Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) de-facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

However, PAS Syura Council, in its meeting later, made its stand not to allow the word 'Allah' to be used by other religion.

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