

**People Need To Unite, Play Effective Role In Security And Sovereignty Of Country -
Najib
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SEREMBAN, March 17 (Bernama) -- The people must unite to show their patriotism by playing their respective roles within their responsibility and ability to safeguard security and sovereignty of the country, to avoid issues like the intrusion in Sabah.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said though the intrusion in Lahad Datu was far from other areas, it remains a part of Malaysia and will certainly make an impact to people in other areas.

"If anything happens there, it can affect us although the place it happens is far away. As such, we need to play a role to support our security forces," he said in his speech during a dinner with the Chinese community in Negeri Sembilan at the Majlis Perbandaran Seremban field, here, Saturday.

Also present were his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, MCA President Datuk Seri Chua Soi Lek, Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim, Works Minister Datuk Seri Shaziman Abu Mansor and other Barisan Nasional (BN) component party leaders.

Speaking to about 35,000 people, Najib said the question of security and sovereignty of a nation does not differ in the role played by every Malaysian, no matter what race or religion there are.

Earlier, Najib received a cheque for the Special Heroes Fund worth RM720,000 from more 200 non governmental organisations, Negeri Sembilan Chinese community and individuals.

Najib said the huge contribution showed a true spirit of patriotism among the Chinese community towards the sacrifice of the security forces in Lahad Datu.

"Who said the Chinese community are not patriotic? Who said the Chinese community do not love the country? The dinner tonight and contribution showed that the issue of security and sovereignty of a country does not concern race or religion," he said to a thunderous applause from the crowd.

Najib reminded the people that the country needs a government that is both strong and stable with leaders who can ensure success in the future.

He said if a country was ruled by a weak and unstable government, it can lead to instability compared with a progressive one.

"If a country is not stable, people will lose confidence, investors and business community will also lose confidence and the people too will suffer instability and it will be a loss for all," he said.

Najib also denied claims by the opposition that the current government need to be changed and a new government formed, purportedly to ensure stability and better development.

If the administration of a government changes drastically without any transition, there is no

guarantee that there would be stability but a better option is to make changes through transformation policies that are planned well by the current BN government.

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