

Muslims Should Set Aside Differences For Sake Of Islam – Najib

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 30 (Bernama) -- Muslims in this country should unite in the interest of Islam although they have differences of opinion, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the interests of Muslims must be protected in this country, where Islam is the official religion.

"Although we have differences of opinion, we must find ways to resolve the issues and not do things to the extent of jeopardising Islam's position and the future of the nation," he said before a congregation of about 500 people at the Seri Petaling Jamek Mosque during a 'visit mosque' programme, here, Saturday night.

Also present were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom, Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin, Malaysia Islamic Development Department (Jakim) director-general Datuk Othman Mustapha and mosque chairman Zaid Abdullah.

Najib who arrived at the mosque at 8.50pm in a dark brown baju Melayu and kain pelikat, also performed Isyak prayer with the congregation led by the chief imam, Abdul Hamid Chin.

They then listened to a short talk on the struggles of Prophet Muhammad by Ustaz Muaz Roslan, who read the Hayatus Sohabah scripture.

The Seri Petaling Jamek Mosque, which has been the meeting point for the Tabligh movement in this country since 1985, has frequently been visited by Muslims from all over the world while it has also produced many Islamic preachers.

Najib said the government would always assist the Islamic missionary movement in this country in whatever way, in upholding Islam.

"That is why in whatever situation, we must protect the sanctity of Islam including the word 'Allah' and this is also a responsibility of the government," said Najib who then took the opportunity to "salam" with members of the congregation before leaving the mosque.

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