

**Peace Essential To Nation's Wellbeing, Says Najib  
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SABAK BERNAM, March 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today said the people are greatly in need of a peaceful country as nothing can be done if there was no peace in the country.

Najib, akin a peaceful country to a person's health, said those who are in good health would not be able to visualise the pain of being threatened by sickness.

"Similarly, when we have achieve continuous peace for decades, we do not know what it would be like if the country is not at peace," he said when opening the 1Malaysia Family Care (1MFC) programme here Friday.

Najib said the intrusion by militants from Sulu in Lahad Datu and Semporna has opened the eyes of Malaysians to reflect how difficult it would be if peace has been compromised.

"It means that when the country is at peace, we have many choices, but if the country is not peaceful, even rice will run out and those who had gone through the Japanese occupation would know what it meant," he said.

Najib said when he was having breakfast at the house of a resident he had visited in Teluk Rhu here this morning, he chose tapioca with sambal tumis even though rice was served.

He said during the Japanese occupation, Malaysians could only eat tapioca every day as there was no other food.

Najib said he also spent time with members of the security forces in Lahad Datu yesterday to see for himself the situation they were in and today he visited the next of kin of Sargeant Sabarudin Daud from Sabak Bernam who was killed in Lahad Datu.

"But what saddens me is that while we are protecting our security, we do not want anybody to question who is reaping the political benefit or callous quarters who belittle our security forces, as if the incident was a drama," he said.

Najib also said there were parties who doubted the matter and questioned the importance of Malaysia's sovereignty.

He said Malaysia should be united and live harmoniously and that is why the government introduced the 1Malaysia concept so that the people have a common bond and love for the country.

Apart from that, he said the economic position of Malaysia was among the best in the world compared to the Euro Zone where Spain, a World Cup football champion, is experiencing unemployment rate at more than 50 per cent.

However, for Malaysia it is more important to champion the prosperity of the country rather than being a World Cup champion, he said.

"As such we need to support the government of the day, a government which could ensure the future of the country as a peaceful and prosperous nation, so we need to support a government such as this one which has assured a better future," he said.

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