

PM: Armed group in Lahad Datu should leave before authorities act
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PEKAN: The group of followers of the Sulu Sultan now holed up in a village in Lahad Datu should leave before action is taken to force them out, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the longer they stay in Sabah, the more dangerous the situation would be for them.

He said the authorities had taken a careful approach in handling the situation to prevent bloodshed.

"The group must realise that what they are doing is a serious offence and I hope they will accept the offer to leave peacefully as soon as possible," he told reporters after launching the Rural Transformation Centre here.

The Prime Minister also assured the people of Sabah that their safety and the sovereignty of the state would be protected.

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