

**Najib: Show your empathy for security forces' struggle**  
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PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has urged the people to show empathy towards the security forces' personnel and to stand by them in their every struggle.

The Prime Minister said it was necessary for the people to understand what the policemen and soldiers were going through and what they would go through.

"(Otherwise) they (the people) will not give their support," he said at a meeting with retired senior officers of the Malaysian Armed Forces here yesterday.

"They have to understand the duties, challenges, obstacles and risks faced by our security forces," he said. "Unless they understand these, there will be no empathy."

Present at the meeting were Defence Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Armed Forces chief Jeneral Tan Sri Zulkifeli Mohd Zin.

Najib said that was why the people should "stand solidly behind" the security forces, namely the police and military, while the nation faced foreign threats.

"We must understand the military world and if we do, then we would not have made statements that denied the integrity of our armed forces and police.

"We would not have belittled their capabilities and there would not have been any statement from any rude leader that what had transpired in Lahad Datu and Semporna were purportedly a drama staged by the Umno government," he said.

Because of this, Najib said, the people were angry and many police reports had been lodged.

The Prime Minister expressed full confidence that members of the security forces would carry out their task as desired by the Government and the people.

"I'm confident that we can overcome this test, challenge and threat," he said. "We will fight to the end no matter how long it takes, no matter what price we have to pay. We will ensure that our sovereignty and security will not be jeopardised by anyone.

"This is my pledge. As for the Government, it needs the strong support from the serving members of the security forces," he said, adding that it also needed support from the top military commander.

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