

**Effort To Combat Crime Is A War, Says Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 8 (Bernama) -- The effort to fight crime is a war which needs commitment and continuous support from all levels of society to create a safe surrounding for the people, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

He said the active and pro-active participation from the society was necessary to help achieve the government's aspiration to create a safe and peaceful feeling, as well as free from fear in the society.

"If there is proactive and active participation from the society, not in passive form or lip service, I believe, the support from the community is the most important basis that can bring success to our efforts to combat crime," he added.

He said this in his speech at the launch of a campaign, 'United Against Crime', organised by the Performance Management & Delivery Unit (PEMANDU) at KLCC Park, here.

In urging all strata of society to be united to combat crime, the Prime Minister also called on the private sector, specifically owners of shopping centres, to upgrade the level of security on their premises such as installing more close circuit televisions and hiring more security guards.

"Don't only think of profits, must also think about contributing towards fighting crime. If the shopping centre is free of crime, it will become more popular. We must look from this angle, he said.

He said housing developers need to build housing projects instilling characteristics of a safe community such as avoiding from having isolated lanes.

"This is a war which will only be successful if all levels of society uphold and support the effort. If we are not united in combating crime, crime will haunt us," he said.

Furthermore, Najib also suggested that the Home Ministry and police study the proposal to set up a special emergency line which was connected directly to Bukit Aman so that speedier actions (against crime) could be carried out.

He said the proposal was raised by a former top police officer in a meeting of police veterans with him recently.

Also present was Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and his deputy Datuk Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Idris Jala and Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar.

The United Against Crime campaign was launched in March and the public could pledge to combat crime through the website [www.unitedagainstcrime.com.my](http://www.unitedagainstcrime.com.my).

To date, a million people and 30 companies had pledged to combat crime.

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