

**If Najib is sincere about national reconciliation, he should act against extremists, says PKR
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PKR wants Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to show his sincerity in pursuing national reconciliation by acting against extremist groups in the country now.

Its secretary-general, Datuk Saifuddin Nasution, said Putrajaya should act against racial and religious controversies immediately and not in three months when it unveils its plan for reconciliation.

"What is needed are ways to reduce public anxiety over racial and religious tension in the country," he said at a press conference today.

Saifuddin said if Najib acted against groups which stoked racial and religious tension, then it would show that he was serious about national reconciliation.

"This is the litmus test now. He has to act on it now."

Yesterday, Najib in a blog posting had promised to unveil the National Reconciliation Plan (NRP) and implement it over the next few months in what is seen as a sign that the prime minister is reaching out to all Malaysians to shore up his position.

In recent months, Najib had been ridiculed over falling vegetable prices amid rising living costs while also having to deal with dissent from in and outside his party, including criticism from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Tun Daim Zainuddin and other Umno veterans.

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