

**No Sacrifice Of National Interest To Appease Certain Quarters - Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 11 (Bernama) -- The government will not sacrifice the national interest to give in to the demands of certain quarters in implementing the national reconciliation plan, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the politics of antagonism and negative perceptions had been disseminated by these quarters since the 13th general election of May last year, thus jeopardising the spirit of goodwill among the people.

"This can damage the concord and harmony among the people of the various races in the country. As such, we need national reconciliation to improve racial relations.

"It is not merely appeasement. It aims to foster the spirit of togetherness among the people so that they can participate equally to build a united nation in facing the challenges of the future," he said in a written reply to a question from Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang (PAS-Marang) in the Dewan Rakyat.

Abdul Hadi had wanted to know the model and terms proposed by the government pertaining to the national reconciliation plan.

On Jan 29, the Cabinet studied a plan to develop and promote a conducive environment to help drive national reconciliation through unity and consensus.

Najib said the national reconciliation plan was based on the four key pillars of social, political, government and international relations.

The plan was more towards collaboration, common stand and building understanding for the good of religion and society, he said.

The prime minister said the government was doing everything possible to build good relations with all quarters and groups, including the states administered by the opposition political parties.

"The government is committed and open, conducts dialogue and engagement and involves various groups, communities and organisations in discussions to foster goodwill, stronger ties among the people, tolerance and patriotism," he said

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