

Najib: Putrajaya will defend human rights, but only in the context of Islam
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BANGI, Aug 18 — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak pledged today that his administration will do its best to uphold human rights here, but only within the confines of Islam.

Najib said this was in line with the Islamic teaching of balance and *wasatiyyah* (moderation), adding that Muslim Malaysia cannot defend the more extreme aspect of human rights, citing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transexual rights as example.

“Although universal human rights have been defined, we still define human rights in the country in the context of Islam and the syariah.

“And even if we cannot defend human rights at an international level, we must defend it in the Islamic context,” Najib told the International Wasatiyyah Seminar 2015 (Islam and The Younger Generation: Challenges and Hopes) here.

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