

**Najib confident Malays can be respected in the world – Bernama**  
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Prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak is confident that the Malay race will continue to move forward as a respected race in the eyes of the world.

He expressed this confidence based on the spirit demonstrated by those, especially the youths, who had joined him in the Malay Unity Gathering at Stadium Putra, Bukit Jalil, yesterday night.

"However, the Malays should not be complacent, the Malays must continue to move ahead and be self-sufficient. We must redouble efforts to train the Malays to become a knowledgeable race and strengthen their economy.

"We must champion the cause of Islam; defend the institution of monarchy and the special privileges of the Malays, uphold the 'Maqasid Syariah' by adopting the attitude of moderation; uphold noble values and protect the family institution," he said in his latest Twitter website today.

He said this guide must be protected and used to develop the Malay race.

He was also convinced that if the Malay race maintained solidarity in bringing progress to the race, nothing could stop them from achieving what they aspired together.

Yesterday, Najib attended and delivered a speech at the gathering at the Stadium Putra Bukit Jalil which was attended by thousands of people.

Meanwhile, in another tweet, the prime minister said the government would continue the efforts to strengthen the national defence to ensure that national security and peace as well as the sovereignty of the national boundary were protected.

"Today is the 82nd anniversary of the Malaysian army. I call on all Malaysians to say thank you for the sacrifices made by the soldiers and their family and to pray that the armed forces continue to be gallant, resilient and strong," he added. – March 1, 2015.

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