

**Police face greater challenges, says Najib justifying Sedition Act –
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the challenges for the Royal Malaysian Police were becoming more complex and difficult over time.

"Often we see policemen facing high risks and willing to sacrifice their lives just to make sure the nation will remain peaceful and harmonious," he said in his latest blog entry.

This includes the Bukit Kepong tragedy in the 1950s, the communist insurgency in the 1960s, the Memali incident in the 1980s and the militant intrusion in Lahad Datu, Sabah in 2013, he added.

Hence, he said, the Sedition Act 1948 was necessary to preserve racial harmony among the various ethnics and races in the country.

"Every tear, sweat and blood spilled (in those incidents) will not disappear from our memory for as long as we shall live."

However, he said he seldom heard words of thanks being uttered to those national heroes, whom he described had served the country in an efficient and trustworthy manner despite all accusations and unfounded allegations made against them.

"We also prioritise racial and religious harmony, that is why the government needs to strengthen the Sedition Act," he said.

"Today, I also urge everyone to pray for the souls of all those who perished while on duty to rest in peace and wish all police personnel and their families well," he said. – Bernama, March 26, 2015.

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