

**I Did Not Betray Country, People Must Be Calm – Najib  
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BESUT, July 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said he would strive to seek the truthful path to rebut all allegations against his leadership.

Najib said he was thankful to the support given by UMNO leaders and PAS spiritual leader Datuk Haron Din who dismissed allegations on several issues relating to 1MDB as absurd.

"I did not betray the people, I will find ways to uphold the truth, be calm, the truth will prevail," he said when opening Sekolah Menengah Imtiaz Yayasan Terengganu Besut and launching the Al-Syahadah Al-Ulya Ulul Albab programme.

He urged the people to be calm and be united in refuting all allegations against the government and the country's leaders despite their different political affiliations.

According to him, to build a progressive civilisation, the people of a country should not be divided.

Meanwhile he said the developed nations would not belittle the country if the people had the strength in their faith and piety to lay the foundation for an even greater civilisation.

He said to produce an 'ulul albab'(thinking) generation in the country not only required a generation of physical strength but also mental capability.

"We should not only be individually strong but there must be strength from the faith to produce a great civilisation on par with countries more developed than us today," he said.

Meanwhile Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman said Terengganu Barisan Nasional (BN) would brave the storm with the prime minister and was also willing to be at the frontline to defend the country's current political challenges.

"This is our place, our country, so it is not easy for outsiders to destroy our country but there could be bigger tests in future...defamations, abuses, hurting words ...this is a sign Allah is testing our patience so accept it calmly," he said.

At the event, the prime minister announced an allocation of RM3 million to Sekolah Menengah Imtiaz Yayasan Terengganu Besut.

Imtiaz has seven schools in seven districts throughout the state in line with the principles of the New Terengganu Transformation (TTB).

The imtiaz school was a brainchild of former Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh, who is Second Education Minister, as a continuation of the Smart Quran programme implemented in Besut.

The Al-Syahadah Al-Ulya Ulul Albab study programme is a programme to produce Islamic scholars who are highly knowledgeable in worldly wisdom besides being a pioneer programme in the country.

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