

Heaven not guaranteed if you slander, destroy unity, says Najib
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Muslims who pray five times a day are still not guaranteed a place in heaven if they slander others, create conflict, and destroy unity, Datuk Seri Najib Razak said today.

The prime minister cited a hadith, or prophetic tradition, on the Prophet Muhammad's companion asking about the practices that bring Muslims closer to heaven: observing one's faith, prayers, zakat or alms-giving and maintaining good ties between fellow Muslims.

"If you observe all your prayers but instigate people ('batu api'), slander others, create conflict, destroy unity, you are not guaranteed heaven.

"Even if you wear huge symbols, that does not guarantee that you enter heaven. This is a reminder for everyone," Najib said in his speech in Serdang today.

He said this during a ceremony to hand over Aidilfitri contributions to the Federal Territories Islamic Religious Council's (MAIWP) Asnaf Baitulmal.

Najib also criticised Malaysians who ridiculed their own country, and said that all countries faced challenges.

He said the Rohingya refugees were far more grateful than Malaysians, who were unaware how fortunate they are to live in a peaceful country.

"The Rohingya risk their lives to come here by boat, as soon as they enter Malaysia's shores, they kneel down and kiss our ground.

"But we condemn our own country. We are not aware. We are ungrateful that we live in a peaceful country that is constantly improving," said Najib.

The prime minister is facing heavy criticism from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and opposition leaders over the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) scandal, the goods and services tax (GST) and a myriad of other issues.

Najib had in turn accused Dr Mahathir of using "half-truths, misleading jokes and twisting statements" to attack him and call for his resignation. – July 2, 2015

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