

**Say 'No' to extremism, Najib tells Malaysians**  
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Malaysians must help put an end to extremism by standing united against it, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said today.

He said there were too many instances where the name of Islam has been misused to justify atrocities committed, including children being murdered, women raped and schools destroyed.

"We must put an end to this. These atrocities are destroying the good name of Islam, justifying their heinous acts under the much abused concept of jihad.

"These atrocities have also destroyed the lives of many – the children who wish for nothing but love and care from their parents and to be educated like other children in other peaceful parts of the world, the adults who hope for nothing but to be able to earn a living for themselves and their loved ones," Najib said in his latest post on his blog.

He said he believed the path of moderation was never an option for any individual, whether in speech and conduct, but a requirement for success in life and a critical ingredient for Malaysia to become a modern and progressive nation.

Najib said the concept of moderation did not exist exclusively in the secular domain, adding that it was already rooted in the Quran.

He said the concept of moderation was not exclusive to Islam, when it has already been stated as a value universal to all major religions.

"In Christianity, the Bible says let your moderation be known unto all men. In Buddhism, disciples are taught to walk the middle way, to live a life of moderation and non-violence.

"Even in Judaism, the Torah teaches that moderation in all things is a way of life in the truest sense of Jewish customs," Najib said.

He added that silence would mean condoning violence.

"Silence can mean acquiescence. The burden is on us to ensure that the voice of reason is louder than ever, carrying the massed ranks of moderates everywhere. We must not be the silent majority," he said. – Bernama, July 4, 2015.

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