

**Torch Of Independence Must Be Kept Alive Towards Becoming Fully-developed Nation – Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- The torch of independence lit by the country's freedom fighters and older generations must be kept alive by the current and younger generation in a bid to make Malaysia a fully-developed nation, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The prime minister said he was confident that the people, especially the young generation, would also be able to keep the flame alive in creating more success stories for the country.

"We will face more and more challenging situations in developing Malaysia, including the global economic crisis.

"However, each challenge that comes our way will only increase our strengths and commitment. That is why I'm confident that today's generation will be able to create the success stories that we dream of."

The prime minister said this before flagging off the participants of the Malaysia Day Ride 2015 at Dataran Merdeka here tonight.

Also present was Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

Najib also stressed that the government aimed at creating and developing a successful country, not a failed state.

Meanwhile, Malaysia Day Ride 2015 programme, in which the participants will cycle a distance of 38km along the main roads in the city at night, is the first ever organised in the country.

It is part of the Malaysia Day celebration and aimed at strengthening unity and harmony among the people in the country, regardless of race, religion and political beliefs.

Through this programme, the people, especially the young generation, will be more responsible in dealing with the spread of lies and inaccurate information through social media under the #TolakFitnahMediaSosial and #SayaSayangMalaysia campaign.

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