

We won't let Malaysia fall, Najib pledges in Merdeka speech
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Datuk Seri Najib Razak tonight gave an undertaking that his administration will not let Malaysia fall, but will continue to develop the country so that it prospers on the world stage.

The prime minister said he, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and other colleagues would continue with their efforts, challenges and trials notwithstanding.

In his Merdeka Day 2015 message delivered at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Najib expressed regret over the actions of some who were willing to sow the seeds of strife and hostility on the anniversary of the country's independence.

"Indeed, we will never allow anyone from within or from outside, to walk in and steal, ruin or destroy all that we have built so far.

"Let us all remember, if we are not united, lose our solidarity and cohesion, all problems will not be resolved, and everything we have laboriously built will be destroyed just like that."

This is the second time that Najib has delivered the Merdeka Day message live.

The prime minister urged the audience to reflect on and appreciate the meaning of independence, and the deeds of the soldiers and members of the security forces who had sacrificed their lives to ensure that the people lived in peace and harmony.

"That is why we reject any form of street protests which disrupt public order and only inconvenience the people, because they do not directly reflect maturity, and are not the proper channel to voice opinions in a democratic country."

What happened over the past 32 hours was something improper, and reflected a shallow mind and poor national spirit, he said, referring to the Bersih 4 rallies in Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching. – Bernama, August 30, 2015.

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