

**Don't Be Distracted By Extremist Views - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has urged Malaysians not to be distracted by extremist views as they journey towards their common goals.

He said they should prevail over those few who sensationalised narrow and sectarian views, by recognising and reaffirming their commitment to each other.

"What will keep Malaysia strong and stable is not the few who say things to divide us but the many who do things to unite us," Najib said in his Deepavali 2014 message.

Najib noted that Malaysians had brought together their unique cultures and traditions to enrich the national fabric and had worked hard and made sacrifices to make the nation what it was today.

"This is only possible because all Malaysians share a similar aspiration to live in harmony and prosperity with one another," he said.

"Of course, we may not always agree on the way to achieve our common goals, but we must remember that we have common ingredients to succeed.

"These ingredients are a love for our Malaysia, compassion for our fellow Malaysians and moderation in everything we do," Najib said.

The prime minister said Malaysia's formula for success had been acknowledged not only by its neighbours but also the wider world.

The latest manifestation of this, he said, was the country's recent resounding election to the United Nations Security Council.

"Our success in securing a seat is testimony to the respect the international community has for Malaysia, and, our moderate approach in overcoming domestic, regional and international challenges," Najib said.

Wishing "Deepavali Vaalthukal" (Happy Deepavali) to all Malaysian Hindus, Najib called for hands of friendship to be extended to each other during this meaningful time and once again, bring this diverse country together in harmony and happiness.

"As we share the joy of Deepavali together, let's remind ourselves that this Festival of Lights enjoins us to look forward to the future and embrace it with all our hopes and dreams.

"I urge the Indian community to continue their partnership with the government based on 'nambikei' (trust). We still have much to do to ensure that light and hope reaches all those in the community who need it," he concluded.

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