

Malaysia Hopes Philippines to Continue Peace Efforts to Deter Establishment of Daesh in the Region

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak hopes the next Philippine president will continue the peace efforts in its southern state endeavoured by Benigno S. Aquino III.

He said such efforts are important as destabilization of the southern Philippines would enable militant groups such as the Daesh to establish its foothold in the region.

"This will have very serious consequences on all of us," he said when opening the Putrajaya Forum 2016, here today.

The forum was held in conjunction with the Defense Services Asia Exhibition and Conference (DSA) 2016.

Najib said lot of investment in efforts, time and money had been done to find a comprehensive long-term peace in Southern Philippines.

"We must not take for granted the regional stability that we have enjoyed," the Prime Minister said.

To honour the peace process, he said, a safe passage must be assured for the basic Bangsamoro law to be brought to the congress.

Malaysia has brokered the peace efforts between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) since 2001.

Aquino will step down from office in June 30, this year.

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