

**Peace, Political Stability like Siamese Twins – Najib
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KUCHING, May 4 (Bernama) -- Peace and political stability are like "Siamese twins" in that they are inseparable and a pre-requisite for continued progress of a country, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said without political stability, it would be difficult to bring development and the economy would not grow.

"Without political stability, people will not have confidence in the country, investors won't come," he said at the "Leaders with Rela" event at the Borneo Convention Centre here today.

As such, Najib said the people must understand this concept of "Siamese twins" and retain the existing government to defend the peace and prosperity enjoyed all this while.

The Prime Minister further said that political stability would have no meaning if there existed internal and external threats including religious and race extremists among the society.

"We do not want anxiety, worry ... that is what peace means," said Najib.

He pointed out that with peace and political stability, Sarawak became a harmonious state despite having many ethnic and sub-ethnic groups.

"This is what has been inherited all along, fantastic!," he said.

Najib stressed that the Barisan Nasional rejected politics of hatred, sowing of discord and instigation which the opposition was noted for.

At the event, he also announced an allocation of RM20 million for the purchase of uniforms for the 341,000 Rela (People's Volunteer Corps) members in Sarawak, with RM10 million to be disbursed this year and the balance next year.

Najib added that a Rela training centre would be built on a 15 hectare site in Sematan, which has been approved by Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem.

Also present were Najib's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, several federal ministers and Rela director-general Datuk Kamariah Mohd Noah.

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