

**Patriotism Also Means Safeguarding Harmony in Society - Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 19 (Bernama) -- Patriotism is more than just flying the national flag, singing the national anthem and pledging loyalty, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said it encompassed much more than these, and included safeguarding harmony in society.

Najib said the public carried the responsibility of safeguarding harmony.

"We have to avoid getting into disputes, cease quarrelling and not spread libel. All these will only destroy national harmony," he said in the latest post on his blog [www.najibrazak.com](http://www.najibrazak.com).

In the third stage of patriotism are efforts and the sacrifice to safeguard harmony, he said, adding that the sacrifice included that by the security forces who faced risk to life at all times in the defence of the nation.

Najib said the first stage of patriotism was the coming together of the people to achieve a noble goal for their country.

"Everything that we do, our work, with the intention to improve our lives can be characterised as patriotism.

"The second stage of patriotism is the efforts we make sincerely to help others," he said.

Najib said he was proud that many young people were volunteering through NGOs to help the needy.

"At which stage are we?" he asked of the readers of his blog.

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