

**PM: National Security Policy to be reviewed every 3 years**  
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**All agencies at the federal and state levels must refer to the National Security Policy in formulating new policies and when reviewing existing policies, says Najib.**

PUTRAJAYA: The government has decided that the National Security Policy approved on Jan 11 in accordance with the National Security Council Act 2016 will be reviewed at least once in three years, said Najib Razak.

The prime minister said he was informed that the implementation of the policy would be monitored by a coordinating committee at the level of ministries/departments and agencies chaired by the director-general of national security.

Najib, who is also finance minister, said he wanted all agencies at the federal and state levels to refer to the National Security Policy in formulating new policies and review and examine existing policies, particularly related to national security.

“This is to ensure that the policies are consistent with the National Security Policy.

“If the policies are inconsistent, then the proper improvements and modifications should be implemented,” he said when launching the National Security Policy book at the Perdana Putra building here today

Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, cabinet ministers, Chief Secretary to the Government Ali Hamsa, Attorney-General Mohamed Apandi Ali, Inspector-General of Police Khalid Abu Bakar and National Security director-general Gen Zulkifeli Mohd Zin were also present at the event.

Najib said the National Security Policy would become the overarching policy and a reference for relevant existing policies such as the Domestic Security Policy, National Defence Policy and other policies associated with the harmony of the people and country.

He said the National Security Policy was introduced as a major reference document for all federal and state agencies in formulating existing policies to ensure that the country was able to prevent and address the various security threats that were becoming ever more dynamic and complex.

“Malaysia’s national security, basically, refers to a situation free of threats to the country’s core values from within and outside the country. The global security threats which the country also faces are said to be asymmetrical, involving non-state actors.

“I am made to understand that the National Security Council has successfully resolved various internal and external security issues, including the recent diplomatic tensions with North Korea,” he said.

The prime minister said the National Security Policy, which set nine core values, had to be defended through the implementation of 20 key strategies to make Malaysia free from all forms of threats, whether physical or non-physical, that had the potential to influence and damage the people’s thinking.

The nine core values or thrusts are Regional Sovereignty and Integrity; Socio-Political Stability; National Integrity; Good Governance; Economic Integrity; Social Justice; Sustainable Development; People’s Security and International Recognition.

Najib said the country had faced various challenges, such as the communist terrorist threat; May 13, 1969 riots; Al-Mau’nah militant attack and Lahad Datu terrorist intrusion, and was now confronted with the threat of Islamic State (Daesh) militants, which had to be addressed by the government and the people.

“Praise be to God, the determined efforts of the government and security forces had maintained national peace and security, so much so that in the context of cyber security, Malaysia has been placed third among 193 countries on the Global Cybersecurity Index 2017,” he said.

Based on the Global Peace Index 2017, Najib said, Malaysia maintained its position as the third most peaceful country in Asia and the 29th among 163 countries of the world.

Therefore, he said, it was hoped that through the National Security Policy, the people would better understand, evaluate and appreciate and even be prepared to go all-out to defend the national core values in any situation.

“I urge all Malaysians to extend support, join hands and cooperate to ensure Malaysia’s survival as a safe, sovereign and independent country based on the principles of parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy,” he said.

Najib said the National Security Policy was formulated not only for the country's security today but, more importantly, to ensure its peace and harmony which would be inherited by the future generation of the 2050 National Transformation (TN50).

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