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The war against terrorism demands Malaysians, irrespective of their ideologies, to rally behind the Government's efforts in stamping out the threats.

In light of the unprecedented terrorist attacks in Indonesia, Burkina Faso and Turkey and some other countries, Malaysians, irrespective of ideologies, should put our hands together in supporting the Government to stamp out any elements of terrorism and radicalism that could wreck national peace and harmony.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has vowed to fight terrorism tooth and nail while my colleague Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishamuddin Hussein too has promised the full cooperation by the armed forces.

This is our new war. A war against terrorism that demands the *rakyat* to rally behind us, not for politics, but for national interest and sovereignty. We must trust and have confidence in our security forces that is the police and the armed force in carrying out their duties.

We should also refrain from making any speculation that not only could cause confusion but also misconception regarding the affairs of our country.

Whilst each and every Malaysian must also keep alert to such threats, we must let our security forces execute their task without askance and prejudice. We should be grateful that we feel safe and secure walking in the streets of cities, anywhere else in the country, thanks to our the dedication and loyalty of our security forces

Malaysians can be well assured that our security forces are there to protect us all before we go to sleep, while we are sleeping and when we wake up in the morning.

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