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Najib-Reformation

NO NEED REFORMATION, SAYS NAJIB

PEKAN, Sept 10 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today there is no need for reformation if it will only lead to the collapse of the present system of governance which the people had struggled for even before the country gained independence.

"We don't know what we want to replace will be of any better from what we have now," he said when speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony for a privatised housing project for teachers in Chini, here.

Najib, who is Education Minister, said there was no need for certain groups to call for reformation and embark on a nationwide tour to instigate the people to change the tradition which had proven to protect the people's interests.

He said the people must give undivided support and place full confidence in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the government as only through political stability "we can achieve what we want to do."

He said the present gloomy economic situation in the country was only a temporary setback as the government's efforts to stimulate the economy had begun to show signs of recovery.

He said this was evident from the stabilisation of the Ringgit and the stock market becoming active again.

Najib said the plan to provide quarters for teachers serving in rural areas is among the examples of the government's concern and commitment to fulfil the people's requirements in rural areas.

" It has been clearly proven the system we have now is very fair as it takes the people's problems seriously. Hence, there is no reason why we must reject the present system as it proved that we can continuously safeguard their interests of the masses," he said.

Meanwhile, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said the Pahang Umno Liaison Committee would mobilise its machinery to explain to party members the rationale behind Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's sacking from the government and expulsion from Umno.

The explanation was necessary although majority of Umno members and the people had accepted Anwar's removal from the government and party, said Khalil, who is also Pahang Umno Liaison chief.

He also said the State Umno Liaison Committee had on Tuesday pledged undivided support for the leadership of Dr Mahathir in government and the party with regards to Anwar's dismissal.

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