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BN HAS MUCH GROUNDS TO REFUTE OPPOSITION ALLEGATIONS, SAYS NAJIB

PEKAN, June 25 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional has much grounds to refute whatever lies put up by the opposition parties aimed at confusing the people on certain issues, said Umno vice president Datuk Najib Tun Razak today.

He said throughout its rule, the BN government had done much for the good of the people but unfortunately the opposition parties manipulated the facts to create hatred against the government.

"The construction of the highway is an example where the opposition twisted the facts suggesting that the project would pose a burden on the people although in reality the highway had brought a lot of benefit to the people," he told reporters here.

He said the East Coast Highway (LPT) project which would be implemented soon could bring significant changes to the East Coast region, including Pahang.

Najib was asked to comment on Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday directing all BN component parties to mobilise their respective machinery as the general election might be held any time now.

The Prime Minister also urged all BN component parties to focus on several issues which would put the BN in good light including issues on rural economic development, the country's economic recovery and education which could attract support from the people.

On economic recovery, Najib said the validity of the statistics issued by the government which showed that the nation's economy was getting better need not be disputed by anyone.

"I don't understand what is claimed (by the opposition) as something that has no truth in it or that the recovery is not strong but actually it can be said that all economic indicators show positive changes," he said.

On the BN supreme council meeting yesterday, Najib said the meeting did not discuss candidacy or the allocation of seats because what is important is to emphasise on instilling cooperative spirit and solidarity within BN component parties.

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