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`Malays must be more dynamic'

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PEKAN, Sat. - The Malays must change their ways, attitudes and values if they want to be successful in business.

Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak said although the Government had spent billions on programmes to assist Malay businessmen, their achievements were still not up to the mark.

"The aid given by the Government to the Bumiputeras should be taken as being holistic and integrated. As such, the Malays must change their attitudes by being more dynamic and by practising positive work culture."

Najib said this to reporters when asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement in which he had expressed disappointment in Malays whose achievements had fallen short of the Government's efforts to assist them.

He had earlier opened the new Umno branch in Taman Perdana here.

Dr Mahathir was reported as saying that they (Malays) could not blame their former colonial masters or other people as the country was now independent although 43 years might not be enough time to make great progress.

"The fate of the Malays is in their own hands, and God only helps those who help themselves," he had said.

Najib said to succeed, one's personal development was very important. "If we (Malays) do not have the awareness, the right (work) culture, attitudes and values, we would not succeed."

He said one of the programmes which could help boost Malay business was the Bumiputera Entrepreneurs Project in Retail Business (Prosper), which was launched recently.

"Under this programme, the Perbadanan Usahawan Nasional Bhd is the guiding agency for Bumiputeras in the retail sector," he said, adding that Malays should take advantage of such a programme.

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