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Give us mandate for progress, Najib tells Kelantan voters

JELI, Mon. - The people of Kelantan must give a clear signal that they want progress by giving a mandate to the Barisan Nasional in the coming general election, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said today.

"If you want progress, you must give a clear signal to us when you vote," he said. "There is no point having experts draw up development plans and look for funds if the political scenario remains unchanged.

"The BN cannot promise you paradise like Pas but we can surely promise you peace and progress. This is also why we will introduce a submanifesto for Kelantan detailing what the BN can deliver if it becomes the State Government," he said at a meet-the-people gathering organised by the Umno Jeli division at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Jeli.

Also present were State Umno liaison chief Datuk Mustafa Mohamad, State Federal Development Department director Datuk Ibrahim Jusoh, Tenaga Nasional Bhd chairman Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussein, Kesedar chairman Datuk Ramzi Abdul Rahman and 8th Brigade Commander Brig Jen Datuk Zulkifeli Mohd Zin. Going by the overwhelming support for Umno programmes, Najib said he was certain the people of Kelantan wanted a change in government.

Malaysians were becoming more united following the smooth transition of power from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The Prime Minister's determination to ensure an effective and clean government had been well received, he said.

"Now, even Parti Keadilan Nasional leaders have returned to Umno's fold. Soon, more of their members will return to Umno," he added.