

Country needs political continuity, says Najib
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Najib Razak said today that continuity in administration is essential for Malaysia to expand the success that had been so carefully planned.

The prime minister said that Barisan Nasional wanted to stay in power because it was far more able to serve the people than "those who trade in empty dreams and promises".

"We want power not for its own sake but because we are far superior to other quarters in serving the rakyat," he said at a meet-the-people session at Kampung Kenangan Tun Dr Ismail 2 in Sungai Abong in Muar.

The premier said the opposition did not have any sound foundation to rule the country, and their policies were polemist by design.

Najib stressed that he adhered to the principle and approach that "a leader cannot be far from the hearts of the people."

His visits to various parts of the country were to strengthen his bond with the people and to see how far a master plan could be explained on the ground, he said.

Walkabout in Muar town

The prime minister said the visits also demonstrated that there could be no barrier between a leader and the people.

Najib announced a federal government allocation of RM4.8 million to reduce flooding in the area.

He said the federal and Johor governments would contribute RM1.5 million each to develop "uptown" Muar.

Earlier, Najib, who was accompanied by his wife, Rosmah Mansor, went on a walkabout in Muar town, meeting traders and others.

Also accompanying Najib were Johor Mentri Besar Johor Abdul Ghani Othman and his wife, Prof Dr Jamilah Ariffin, Home Minister Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister of Rural and Regional Development Mohd Shafie Apdal, Minister of Human Resources Dr S Subramaniam and MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek.

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