

PM clarifies, BN can retain two-thirds majority
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Najib Abdul Razak said he is confident BN can win two-thirds majority in the Sarawak election on Saturday although the fight is tougher than it was in the previous polls.

The prime minister said that an earlier statement he made had not been reported in full by the alternative media which suggested that BN was worried that it could not achieve a two-thirds majority.

He said the alternative media had quoted him out of context, conveying a meaning other than what he intended.

"With this clarification, I hope there will be no doubt that I and the Sarawak chief minister (Abdul Taib Mahmud) have the same stand," he told TV3 and Bernama yesterday.

The following is the clarification from the prime minister:

"I wish to stress that BN can achieve a two-thirds majority in this election although it is harder fought than the previous polls.

"Based on my observation and survey, the two-thirds majority can be obtained.

"I had tried this morning to clarify that in a democracy, our intention is to form the government. This is the minimum objective, and I mentioned two-thirds majority as a bonus, but it is a bonus we can achieve.

"But certain quarters have misinterpreted my statement to suggest that we were shaky and worried that two-thirds majority could not be achieved. This is not true."

- Bernama