

Gov't will do its best with electoral reforms, says PM
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The government will do its best to improve the electoral system in the country, said Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

He said towards this end, the government had agreed to set up a parliamentary select committee and that this showed its sincerity in wanting elections that were clean and fair.

The BN government was unafraid of changes to the electoral system as it wanted to ensure that the government of the day was returned by the people's mandate, he told a people's gathering for the breaking of the Ramadan fast at the Sri Perantau apartments in Port Klang yesterday which was attended by some 10,000 people.

Najib said that if the elections in the country were crooked, obviously the BN would not have surrendered Selangor to the opposition after the last general election.

The prime minister also reminded the people not to take for granted the peace and harmony they were enjoying or look down on the achievements that have been attained.

Instead, Malaysians should continue to preserve and value the peace and harmony they were enjoying, he said.

Najib said he could empathise with Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron who had to face riots in his country recently.

Cameron (below) had said Britain, a country that practised parliamentary democracy, had lost the moral high ground because of a 'sick' segment of society which resorted to wanton rioting and looting in the aftermath of the killing of a youth by a policeman.

On Umno, Najib, who is also Umno president and Selangor Umno chief, said the government was willing to consider requests from the people of Selangor as voiced out by Kapar Umno for the 1Malaysia retail outlets and 1Malaysia clinics to be opened in the state.

He also extended his gratitude for the large turnout despite poison pen letters going around that he would not be turning up for the function.

Also present was Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister Noh Omar, who is also Selangor Umno deputy chief.

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