

Najib woos Chinese tycoons to help BN regain S'gor
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EXCLUSIVE With the 13th general election predicted to be held soon after the Chinese New Year, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak met with Chinese tycoons and organisation leaders at a private dinner last night.

Najib's aim was to woo Chinese support to help BN to win back its two-thirds majority in Parliament, and particularly to recapture the state of Selangor.

Malaysiakini learnt that the dinner was held at the mansion of business tycoon Abu Sahid Mohamed in Kuala Lumpur.

About 80 tables were packed with leaders from various Chinese business circles and organisation leaders, among them the president of the Federation of Chinese Associations of Malaysia (Hua Zong) Pheng Yin Huah and the former president of The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) William Cheng.

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"So what do we try to do? We'd tried to negotiate with Selangor, but it is easier to win back Selangor than it is to negotiate with the state government.

"If we have two different governments, it's hard. They 'tak ngam' (against each other), When (they) 'tak ngam', it will cause problems.

"If you elect the same government, (at both) federal and state (levels), I can ensure you that we will have a much better future," he added.

Najib said that although the BN was not a perfect coalition, it "will get the job done, and will bring Malaysia to greater heights".

On the other hand, he said, the country would become static and would hardly be able to recover once it became regressive, which would be if the people made the wrong decision in the coming general election.

Vote BN to sleep easy at night

He warned that Pakatan would make the country's deficit reach 7.4 percent from the present 4.5 percent, and Malaysia would then be forced to borrow from others for operating

expenses, should Pakatan implement all the "populist policies" stated in its Buku Jingga.

"As a businessman, you know that if you borrow from the bank to pay salaries for your employees, what does that tell you? It tells you that in no time, your business will go bankrupt," Najib said.

Therefore, he called on all the Chinese businessmen to tell their employees that "BN is the right choice".

He added: "If you want a government where you can sleep easy at night, if you want a government that can ensure certainty for the future, than support Barisan Nasional."

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