

Najib promises peaceful transition of power

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has promised that there will be a peaceful transition of power should there be a change in government after the 13th general election.

In a 'live' telecast this morning to announce the dissolution of the 12th Parliament, Najib pledged that should a change in government happen, be it at federal or state level, there will be a peaceful transition of power.

"We respect democracy, we are committed to our political transformation, we are committed to respect the voice of the rakyat," Najib stressed towards the end of his 15-minute speech after announcing the dissolution of Parliament.

He has urged political parties from both sides of the political divide to give a "commitment to the democratic process".

He also asked Malaysians living in the east coast of Sabah "not to be afraid" to fulfil their voting obligations even though the area is still considered as a security zone after an incursion by armed Sulu militants in February.

Don't tarnish election's integrity

However, Najib did take time to stress on all parties not to question the integrity of the election process in Malaysia.

"I urge all parties to remain responsible and not seed any doubts about the integrity of the election process in the country," he said.

"There are many other countries where certain parties have done the same, but as a result, the election process in those countries has been tarnished forever, even if those who practice those tactics come into power," he added.

Making his case for a re-election of the BN government and also for his first mandate as a prime minister, he said that his government would "keep all the promises it has made".

"We don't have the habit of planting sugar on lips," he quipped.

He said his party would prove to the people why they deserve to be re-elected into the lower house with a stronger mandate during the campaign period.

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