

Najib blames polls results on 'Chinese tsunami'

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BN chairperson Najib Abdul Razak has branded the election results tonight on a "Chinese tsunami" and warned that such "polarised" voting trends would be "dangerous" to the country.

NONEspeaking during a press conference at Umno headquarters shortly after BN officially won the required 112 parliamentary seats to form a simple majority, Najib admitted that the Chinese community had voted overwhelmingly for the Opposition.

While retaining Kedah, BN had failed to retain Selangor, Kelantan, and Penang, and also lost a number of parliamentary seats to Pakatan in the process.

"The polarisation in this voting trend worries the government. We are afraid that if this is allowed to continue, it will create tensions," he said.

He called for a "national reconciliation process", where he said that "extremist ideologies" will be put aside.

"Racial harmony is imperative for us," he said, before saying that the country must reject "racial politics and extremism", without making reference to any particular party.

Taken in by promises

NONEHe said that the Chinese communities were "taken in" by the promises that had been made by the Opposition and that while he expected such politics, he did not think it would be to this extent.

He said that BN will take some time to "absorb the results and its ramifications", while urging all parties to accept the election results which he called free and fair.

He also reiterated that all promises made by BN during the campaign period will be fulfilled, and that a mechanism will be set up to ensure that these promises are seen to.

Najib was flanked by his wife Rosmah Mansor and his deputy Muhyiddin Yassin during the press conference.

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