

Najib defends Utusan, says Chinese papers the same
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has defended today's Utusan Malaysia front page report that asks the question "What more do the Chinese want?"

"You blame Utusan but you don't ask about the Chinese papers," Najib said during a press conference in Kuala Lumpur today.

NONENajib (right) alluded that Chinese dailies produced similar types of news, before abruptly leaving the press conference venue.

He was speaking to reporters after chairing a two-and-a-half hour meeting with newly elected BN representatives at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Najib also said the Chinese community were "taken for a ride" by the opposition and were under the impression that their votes could trigger a change in government.

"I do not blame them. But we need to tell them that they were taken for a ride, similar to the Sept 16 claim," said Najib, according to fz.com, in reference to Pakatan Rakyat's failed attempt to entice 30 BN MPs to join them in 2008.

'BN made urban gains too'

Najib also dismissed suggestions that the election result had exposed a "urban-rural" divide, pointing out that BN did make some gains in urban seats.

On claims that foreigners had voted on Sunday, Najib said this was ludicrous as it would take 100 jumbo jets to fly in the alleged 40,000 foreigners said to be brought in to vote BN.

"Has anyone seen these jumbo jets landing? Yet, whatever we say is a lie, what they say is the truth when in reality it is the opposite," he said.

On the integrity of the electoral system, Najib said Pakatan were in two minds over the system - supporting it when they won, yet are sceptical whenever they lose.

"If we could manipulate the system that way, do you think we would have allowed (the losses) to happen?" he asked.

PAS: Do not stoke racial sentiments

Meanwhile, PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali has reminded politicians and the media not to stoke racial sentiments that may create unrest.

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“PAS urges all, including the authorities, to do their duty to protect the citizens, rather than condone provocation from irresponsible groups, which will stoke racial sentiments.

“What happened in the 13th general election is the rejection, in general, of BN by all groups.

“This is the reason why BN is defeated in the popular vote, for the first time in the country's history.”

Mustafa said according to the Election Commission (EC), it is clear that 5.623 million voters or 49.96 percent chose Pakatan Rakyat at the federal level, while 5.237 million voters or 46.53 percent supported the BN.

He said only irresponsible people would see the rejection of the BN from a racial aspect.

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