

DAP: Najib must deliver 1Malaysia promise first
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DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang today said that Malaysians are "tired" of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's "sweet" speeches, referring to the premier's 2014 New Year message yesterday, in which the latter tried to explain his "Chinese tsunami" remark while saying he understood the people's grouses over price hikes.

Instead, Lim said, Najib should deliver his 1Malaysia promise of "people first, performance now", which was made in his maiden speech as a prime minister nearly five years ago.

"Najib says he understands and sympathises with the people's concerns but the more important question is whether the people feel that the prime minister understands and sympathises with their deepest concerns as a result of the spiral of rising prices, and the answer is a loud no," Lim said in a statement today.

Lim pointed out that Najib claimed Malaysia to be the best democracy in the world during his Malaysia Day speech in 2011, but the actions of his government since then had "run counter" to that claim.

"Najib will not be in the plight today if he had seriously delivered his 'One Malaysia, People First, Performance Now' promise he made in April 2009," Lim said.

Lim said that Najib had completely abandoned the 1Malaysia policy after the general election in May, and that all is left now is the "gimmickry" of the tagline.

"If Najib had delivered on 'One Malaysia, People First, Performance Now' policy, Malaysians regardless of race or religion throughout the country would be not plunged into multiple political economic, educational and environmental crises today," Lim said.

He said that with five years of his tenure approaching, Najib has "yet to prove" that he is the prime minister for all Malaysians.

"If Najib is not prepared to be fair to the 52 percent of the electorate who voted against the Barisan Nasional in the 13th general election on May 5, 2013 and be their prime minister as well, is he prepared to forgo the taxation paid by this 52 percent of the Malaysian electorate or set aside their taxation for their fair disbursements and expenditures for the national interests and not for the sake of

Barisan Nasional only?" Lim asked.

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