

## **Najib: Bersih 4 not about democracy but 'democracy'**

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Prime Minister Najib Razak tonight again lambasted the recent Bersih 4 rally claiming it was against the federal constitution and aimed at trying to topple the government.

Najib claimed that all that was wrong with the current economic climate was caused by external factors and not by the country's leadership under him.

"That is why we can't allow a government elected by the people via a legitimate democratic process allowed by the law be toppled by a street demonstration.

'That is not democracy. That is demo-crazy.

"I did not say demonstrations are outlawed but a street demonstration to topple the government is against the federal constitution," he said in Batu, Kuala Lumpur tonight.

Najib also said the rally which was held on the eve of the Merdeka celebrations had shamed the country as thousands had gathered to criticise him over his alleged scandals and the woes of the country.

"It was supposed to be our Merdeka celebration. We should celebrate our heroes who fought for independence.

It is not the time to mock the government or the leaders. They should remember the Merdeka heroes not shame the country," he said.

The weekend rally organised by election watchdog Bersih attracted around 100,000 thousand participants at its peak and was even attended by ex-prime minister and Najib's former mentor Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

### **'Look for a solution'**

Najib called on the people to believe in the government and make their decision during the next general election adding the government was not arrogant and was receptive of criticism and advice.

"Our mandate is not for one or two years. But five years. And in that five years, we will show what we can do to the people.

"We are not angry at everyone. Yes, there are those who are not satisfied with the government. You can criticise the government. We are not arrogant," he told the crowd who were mostly Umno Batu division members.

Referring to the Arab Spring revolution, Najib also warned of the danger of removing a government outside of an election.

"We have leaders, cabinet members and experts. We can discuss about this and look for the solution. Just don't do something against the law.

"There were people who wanted to change the governments of Arab (states). Now whose people are those who died in the Mediterranean?" he said referring to Syrian refugees (photo) who drowned while making their way to Europe.

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