

Najib: Don't make 1MDB as obstacle to national development

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has urged the people against making the 1MDB issue as an obstacle for the continued development of the country.

He said this was because when the controversy on the company cropped up, the government had initiated investigations including directing the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) to probe and the investigation report by the committee had been tabled in the Dewan Rakyat.

"So, what is there to shout about, what is there for dissatisfaction? So, don't let us make it into something that will drag our development.

"It's time for us to look ahead, to build a much better future," he said when closing the 39th general assembly of the Malaysian Indian Muslim Congress in Kuala Lumpur today.

The PAC, whose members comprised BN and opposition MPs, had issued the 106-page report on 1MDB Governance Management Controls on Thursday.

The PAC, among other things, recommended that the authorities investigated 1MDB's former CEO Chief Shahrol Azral Ibrahim Halmi and the relevant parties linked to the management of the government-owned strategic investment company.

Najib also pointed out that his leadership and the BN government were the legitimate choice of the people, as such, it could not be replaced except through a general election.

He said that a prime minister could only be changed if he or she did not receive the confidence of Parliament or that he or she had been rejected by members of his or her own party.

Majority support from MPs, Umno members

Najib said he received the majority support of the members of Parliament as well as Umno members.

"As such, if there are other methods that do not respect the constitution, whether by way of street demonstrations, making referendums, or any other declaration whatsoever, they are invalid in terms of the law and the country's constitution," he said.

He said that if any illegal way was allowed, it would lead to chaos and instability in the country.

Meanwhile, Najib gave recognition to the significant contribution of the Indian Muslim

community to the national economic development just like the other ethnic groups.

He said the Indian Muslim communities were also loyal supporters of the BN government.

Meanwhile, Kimma president Syed Ibrahim Kader, in his speech, said Kimma would continue to give solid support to Najib as the prime minister.

At the general assembly, he also handed over a three-point memorandum to the prime minister encompassing a request to contest one parliamentary seat and two state constituency seats in the 14th general election and asked for one representative in the cabinet.

It also requested for a fund of RM5 million for the Kimma educational fund.

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