

Najib blasts opposition for preaching Sarawak GST hike
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S'WAK POLLS Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has blasted the opposition for telling Sarawak voters that Putrajaya will increase the Goods and Services Tax (GST) if BN wins in the state election, describing it as "malicious propaganda".

"I was in Sarawak in these few days to campaign. I heard rumours that the government will be increasing the GST rate after the Sarawak state election.

"I urge the people of Sarawak not to be trapped by the slander and lies of the opposition which has run out of political capital," he said in a blog posting today.

Najib, who is also Finance Minister, reiterated that his government had no plans to increase the GST rate for now.

He said the rate will be maintained at six percent.

"The BN government wishes to improve the quality of life of Sarawakians and this is proven by the government's sincerity and commitment in rolling out developmental projects such as the toll-less Pan-Borneo Highway," he said.

Sarawak DAP chief Chong Chieng Jen had previously speculated that the GST rate may increase if BN is given a strong mandate.