

## **Najib hails twin polls win as divine signal he's on the right path**

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Faced with harsh criticism over his leadership, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak said he turned to God for answers if he was on the right path or whether he had really strayed.

BN's thumping victories in the Kuala Kangsar and Sungai Besar by-elections was God's answer to his prayers, said Najib.

"I don't reply with harsh words. I only want to work. I prayed to Allah, if I am right, then show it.

"(Then) God gave us victory beyond our expectations," said a beaming Najib in Sungai Besar last night.

Najib had faced a torrent of attacks over the 1MDB and RM2.6 billion scandals.

The opposition had even capitalised on these issues in the by-elections but they failed to translate the issues into votes.

BN won by 16,800 votes compared to Amanah's 7,609 votes and PAS' 6902 votes in the Sungai Besar by-election.

BN also captured 12,653 votes in the Kuala Kangsar by-election compared to PAS' 5,684 votes and Amanah's 4,883 votes. The independent candidate received 54 votes.

This was a massive improvement for BN compared to the 13th general election.

BN narrowly retained the Sungai Besar seat in the last general election, winning by a mere 399-vote majority when it engaged in a one-on-one fight against PAS.

The ruling coalition also won the Kuala Kangsar seat with a slim 1,082-vote-majority in the last general election.

Najib had said he never took public funds for personal gains and the multi-billion deposits in his personal bank accounts were an Arab donation.

Attorney-general Mohamed Apandi Ali accepted this explanation and cleared Najib of wrongdoing.

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