

**Najib applies 'Obama magic' at Hulu S'gor**  
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak tried to rub off a bit of 'Obama magic' last night as he implored the Hulu Selangor electorate to continue supporting BN.

NONE Najib (right) reasoned he secured a meeting with US President Barack Obama on the sidelines of the Washington Nuclear Security Summit last week, because the country was politically stable.

This was his tacit way of saying that his BN-ruled federal government had been doing a good job thus far.

"When I was invited by the US president to attend the summit, 47 other world leaders were present, but only nine had the opportunity to discuss bilateral issues with him," said Najib at a campaign rally at Sungai Choh.

"This is a form of acknowledgment for Malaysia. If our country is not stable... I'm sure Obama would not have invited us," he said.

According to Najib, if Malaysia was of no value to the US, Obama would have wasted no time with him.

"Instead, he wanted to know about our progress and even asked about the New Economic Model," he said.

We don't kowtow to anyone

Najib then hit out at the detractors for claiming that he was 'kneeling' down to the US.

NONE Instead he stressed his credentials further by claiming that he was the only leader at the summit to pressure the US over the Palestine-Israel conflict.

"Malaysia never has and never will kneel to anyone. We have pride," he said.

"If you don't believe me, the people of Sungai Choh can inspect my speech (at the summit)."

Later, Najib talked about his reform efforts, including the NEM, 10th Malaysia Plan, Government Transformation Plan and his '1Malaysia' concept.

Turning his attention to the opposition, Najib attacked PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim and the Pakatan Rakyat coalition for their lack of credibility.

He said that the coalition was crumbling and was unable to lead the country and named Pakatan leaders which have left the coalition as proof.

NONE Among them were former PKR vice-president Dr Chandra Muzaffar, former secretary-general Salehuddin Hashim, former youth chief Ezam Mohd Noor and Port Klang state assemblyperson Badrul Hisham Abdullah.

Badrul Hisham, who quit PKR last year, was spotted at the rally, sporting a shirt with a BN logo.

Later last night, Najib spoke to about 100 MCA members at Kuala Kubu Baru, urging them to convince the Chinese community there to help him turn Malaysia into a high income economy.

He said a win in the by-election was crucial to the new MCA leadership, as they needed to seek an endorsement from the Chinese community.

When he introduced BN candidate P Kamalanathan, the crowd responded with a rapturous chant of "Hidup Kamal" (long live Kamal).

"Let's help Kamalanathan achieve victory. He is a young man and I'm sure that he does not want to face disappointment so early in his life," said Najib.

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