

PM says doubts showing on opposition rule
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak said the state governments led by the opposition pact are seen to be questioned by the people who are beginning to doubt their credibility in administering the states concerned.

He said if the opposition were previously seen to be easily disputing the Barisan Nasional government, they must now realise that it was not easy to administer as they had easily made promises to the people each time the general election approached near.

"Actually, when they become the opposition, it is very easy for them to dispute the Barisan Nasional government, as though we have no credibility and so on.

"Several cases that have cropped up now are due to the promises that they made to the people before the general election and their failure to make the correct decision in a local situation and taking into consideration the local community," he said.

He said this when asked to comment on the commotion at a dialogue session between the Selangor government and the Section 23 residents in Shah Alam, Selangor with regard to the proposal to relocate a temple in Section 19.

Federal won't interfere

Najib said what transpired at the dialogue session had clearly showed that the states under the administration of the opposition pact were facing various problems and they had failed to tackle any issue that had cropped up.

"The credibility of the opposition government in the states under their administration has now been questioned by the people themselves.

"When they hold power, they face so many problems, whether the problems were due to their failure in fulfilling their promises (made during the last general election), (or) caused by the decisions that they made which did not meet the people's expectation, or the problems cropped up due to the incorrect decision they had made in tackling a particular situation," said Najib.

Asked whether the federal government would intervene or assist the Selangor government in resolving the issue, Najib said the federal government could not assist because the question on the new site for the temple was under the full jurisdiction of the state government.

On another matter, when asked on the BN's candidate for the by-election for the Bagan Pinang state seat in Negeri Sembilan, Najib said the matter was still too early.

He was also asked about the bonus for civil servants to which he responded with a smile: "(That you have to) ask the KSN (Chief Secretary to the Government)."