

Politicians garner for Chinese support
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KUALA LUMPUR; GUA MUSANG - While Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak said the country will face a "bleak future" without the Chinese community support, Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar urged Chinese voters in Galas to reject Barisan Nasional's racial politics.

Najib, also Umno president, said on Tuesday in a speech delivered by his deputy Muhyiddin Yassin: "Malaysia would not be what it is today without the industry, expertise and dedication of the Malaysian Chinese community."

"Likewise, there will be a bleak future for Malaysia without the Chinese community's support. We would clearly fall short of reaching the goals to become a developed nation by 2020," Najib's speech for the 2nd World Chinese Economic Forum was quoted in a news website.

Najib, who recently launched the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) to achieve a developed nation status in ten years, said the Chinese community formed the backbone of the Malaysian economy through its small and medium enterprises, The Malaysian Insider reported.

Parti Keadilan Rakyat's Nurul Izzah had on Monday night told a Chinese crowd in Gua Musang to reject BN racial politics and corrupt practices, urging them to show their protest via the ballot box.

The daughter of opposition leader, Anwar Ibrahim, has praised the Chinese for being clever at fighting for their rights and brave to create change in society, according to FMT.

Nurul Izzah also said that although Najib has claimed he respects the Chinese community, "he does not show any respect for those who are not Malay" adding that the PM's speech went along racial lines at Umno's 61st general assembly last month.

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