

Najib - Something Is "Not Right" in PKR
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MIRI -- The resignation of the Sabah Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) chairman, Pajudin Nordin, from the party yesterday was another proof that something is not right with the political party, said Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak.

He said the latest crisis occurring within the opposition party was not surprising because previously, many of their party members had also left, including its former deputy chairman and secretary-general.

"If many of the members have left, including those who had founded the party, there is certainly something that is not right within the party," he said at a press conference after attending a closed-door meeting with the Sarawak Barisan Nasional (BN) State Assemblymen, here.

He said the latest development could open up the eyes of the people on the current situation in the PKR which had earlier been obsessed with taking power but had lost many members before they could even achieve this target.

On the application by Pajudin to join Umno, Najib said the matter would be discussed by the party's Supreme Council.

Meanwhile, Najib, who is also the Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, said his meeting with the Sarawak BN Assemblymen was not merely as a preparation for the state election but more on improving their effectiveness in serving the people.

He said all the Sarawak BN Assemblymen whom he had met were fully prepared to report the situation in their respective constituencies and had given suggestions on resolving the problems of the people.

The matters raised by the elected representatives concerned touched on the powers of the federal and state governments which could be resolved through cooperation between both levels of governments, he said.

The premier then advised the people to reject any quarters who try to instigate them by connecting the turbulent situations in other countries to the situation in Malaysia.

He said the instability in some countries currently should not be equated with the situation in Malaysia which had been stable due to the people's spirit as one big family.

"We don't need to do that (create chaos) as our family spirit has been implanted since a long time ago," he said in his speech at the Malaysia Chinese New Year Open House, here, tonight.

Sarawak Yang Dipertua Negeri Muhammad Salahuddin officiated at the launching of the celebration at Dataran Kipas in Miri city.

Najib said with this family spirit, each citizen played an important part in this country.

He said Malaysia had been built based on a fair and just policy to provide ample opportunities for every citizen to enjoy a better life

"These opportunities allow the country's wealth to be equitably distributed, whereby the better off can help the less fortunate."

On the choice of Miri as host of the national-level Chinese New Year celebration this time, Najib said Miri had shown its uniqueness of uniting more than 27 ethnic groups, to live peacefully together and this symbolised the 1Malaysia concept

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