

**We Know The Right Time For Leadership Change - Najib**  
**Malaysianmirror.com**  
**March 19, 2011**

SERIAN -- Najib Tun Razak said today that he and Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud know the right time for a leadership change in the state.

The Prime Minister said that he and Taib had "a very good understanding" of when to make an announcement on the change.

"I know he is ready. When the time comes, he is ready to leave the stage and we have a very good understanding when it is going to happen," he said at a "Senada Sejiwa" (One Soul, One Beat) programme featuring services provided by federal and state agencies.

Najib said that there was no call for pressure to effect the change because a smooth transition was of prior importance.

"Do not clamour (for change) but follow the tradition (of transition) that is good in our country for what is important is for the succession to be smooth and orderly so that the new leadership can bring Sarawak to a higher level still," he said.

A smooth transition, Najib said, would enable the federal government to help Sarawak to achieve greater development.

He said the people had always accepted this approach to succession, but the opposition wanted radical change through street demonstrations or even riots.

Najib said the approach that Barisan Nasional preferred took into consideration stability and uninterrupted development.

He said the rapid development that had been taking place in Sarawak since he became Prime Minister two years ago was very much due to the good federal-state relationship.

"The Chief Minister himself had admitted that never before had Sarawak enjoyed such a big amount of allocation and we did it not just because of the election but, most important, also because we want to ensure the well-being of the people," Najib said.

In SAMARAHAN, Najib denied that his visits to Sarawak were entirely due to the coming state election.

"Do not swallow the medicine being sold by the opposition who only come a-visiting during the election season," he said at a meet-the-people session at the Semera community hall in Sadong Jaya which Taib also attended.

Najib said BN would deliver on all its promises although some projects might take longer to implement than planned because of unavoidable technical problems.

Najib announced an allocation of RM133.8 million for various projects in the Batang Sadong parliamentary constituency to be carried out during the tenth Malaysia Plan period.

More than 5,000 people received Najib on his arrival at the village, which was his third stop

for the day after Kuching and Serian.

Najib later joined the villagers in Zohor prayers at the Riadzusyalihin mosque.

He visited the nearby fishermen's stall accompanied by Taib, Deputy Chief Minister Dr George Chan, Home Minister Hishammuddin Tun Hussein and Defence Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Najib also took part in a gotong royong to paint a surau.

(Bernama)

Copyright © 1999-2007 Mkini Dotcom Sdn. Bhd.

Source : <http://www.malaysianmirror.com/media-buzz-detail/6-nation/52482>