

Najib: Urban Seats A Tough Challenge
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KUCHING -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) needs to step up efforts to win urban seats in the Sarawak state election this Saturday, said Najib Tun Razak.

The prime minister said the BN must work extra hard to win these seats because the coalition's candidates fielded for them were people of very high calibre.

Najib said it could not be denied that the BN's ability to win these seats would be a tough challenge.

Voters in urban areas (in Sarawak) should have faith in the BN to assure their future based on the transformation programmes that have already been implemented by the government, he told a press conference after attending a "meet-the-people" session in Sadong Jaya near here today.

"We have already introduced the 1Malaysia concept whereby all races will be treated fairly," he said.

In the last Sarawak state election in 2006, the BN lost nine seats mostly in urban areas like Pending, Pandungan, Kota Sentosa and Batu Lintang,

Earlier, Najib, who arrived here last night for a four-day visit to Sarawak, had held "meet-the-people" sessions with the townsfolk of Pusa, Serian and in Sebuyau in the Sri Aman division.

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