

PAS-DAP Cooperation Only Benefitting DAP Says Najib
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KUALA TERENGGANU -- The PAS-DAP cooperation is only benefiting the DAP with PAS merely a tool in the equation, said Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak.

He said this could be clearly seen in the just-concluded Sarawak state election where PAS worked very hard but it was the DAP which reaped the benefits.

"In Terengganu, we see posters captioned "PAS ganti UMNO" (PAS replaces Umno) but in reality it's "DAP ganti PAS" (DAP replaces PAS)," he said when opening a people's housing scheme in Pulau Duyong here yesterday.

He said PAS should get out of the Pakatan coalition and shift its attention elsewhere and that it did not matter if the party (PAS) did not want to join the Barisan Nasional (BN).

Also present were Terengganu Menteri Besar Ahmad Said, Home Minister Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Rural and Regional Development Minister Shafie Apdal and Youth and Sports Minister Ahmad Shabery Cheek.

Speaking to reporters afterwards, Najib said DAP was the dominant force in Pakatan and its partners (PAS and PKR) were second fiddle to it.

"We see in a number of issues DAP will object if they do not fit into their ideology. So if they were to form the government, they might not be able to agree on major issues," he said.

The prime minister said if PAS wanted to champion Islam, DAP was not the right partner to do this.

Asked about the unity initiatives held between Umno and PAS before this, Najib said: "This can be achieved, (but) we cannot anticipate anything. What I want to say is that in the Pakatan coalition now, only the DAP is benefiting."

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