

Najib Must Retract 'Crushed Bodies, Lives Lost' Speech And Declare Acceptance Of Verdict Of Next GE

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On Sunday the Prime Minister, Najib Razak claimed that his Malaysia Day speech announcement of the repeal of the Internal Security Act and other law reforms was an effort to make Malaysia "the best democracy in the world".

Within 48 hours however Najib demonstrated that he has neither the political commitment nor the necessary mindset to "walk the talk" of making Malaysia "the best democracy in the world" when he spoke to the Association of Former Members of the Social Welfare Department (PBAKM) calling for assistance to defend Putrajaya by declaring that Seri Perdana is the residence of UMNO and a BN Prime Minister.

Najib cannot be more wrong as Sri Perdana is not the private property of UMNO and Barisan Nasional but the public property of the people of Malaysia, regardless of the outcome of any general election.

No Prime Minister can be serious in wanting make Malaysia "the best democracy in the world" when he refuses to accept the verdict of the people in a general election and uphold the important distinctions among public, party and personal spheres of responsibility, which is the root cause of the rampant corruption, abuse of power and flawed democracy in the country.

Malaysians are reminded of Najib's deplorable speech at the UMNO General Assembly last year when he used the language of "crushed bodies, lives lost" for Umno to defend power at any cost in Putrajaya.

As Najib is now talking about wanting to make Malaysia the "best democracy in the world", the first thing he should do to demonstrate his sincerity and credibility by retracting his "crushed bodies, lives lost" declaration to the UMNO General Assembly last year and make a firm public commitment that he, UMNO and Barisan Nasional will accept the verdict of the people, including for a change of government in Sri Perdana, Putrajaya in the next general election.

If Najib is not prepared to make such a retraction and publicly declare acceptance of the general election verdict of the people, the sincerity and credibility of his claim of wanting to make Malaysia "the best democracy in the world" stands immediately exposed as an empty and meaningless stance.

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