

Najib berates PKR tactics

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PM and I are victims of Opposition lies, says DPM

BUTTERWORTH: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak lashed out at Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) for practising "unethical politics" by concocting malicious stories to defame national leaders.

The Deputy Prime Minister said he and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had been victims of untrue and vicious stories.

He said PKR leaders were bent on defaming him by spreading lies and malicious statements, connecting him with a case, adding that the truth would prevail.

"Their politics is not based on principles, morals and ethics. In fact, a PKR top leader sang a different tune immediately after he was sacked from Umno and began criticising Umno.

"Everything about Umno is not right to him upon his sacking. But what has he done when he was in Umno? We know all his stories and what he did.

"Leaders must have morals and principles. This particular leader was inconsistent in what he preached and practised when he was not in

Umno and the government.

"He will fall into his own trap for trying to forge a pact between opposition parties that have their own extreme ideologies," he said when opening the Batu Kawan Umno delegates' conference here yesterday.

On Friday, PKR information chief Tian Chua admitted creating and posting on his blog a doctored picture depicting Najib with Abdul Razak Baginda and a woman alleged to be Altantuya Shaariibuu prior to her murder.

Tian Chua insisted that he would

not retract the photograph or apologise to anyone.

Najib said leaders must not simply accuse others of wrongdoing when they made the same mistake.

He said he could not see how PKR could be the mediator between PAS and DAP as both parties had extreme ideologies within the opposition.

"In the end, PKR will be caught in the middle."

Najib also opened the Bagan Umno division meeting at the Dewan Abdullah Ahmad Badawi here.

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