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Najib: Opposition anti-national

> Urges BN to fight to ensure country not destroyed by its 'evil activities'

HUSNA YUSOP AND **HEMANANTHANI SIVANANDAM** AT THE BN CONVENTION

KUALA LUMPUR: In what seems to be his harshest attack yet, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak branded the Opposition "anti-national", saying they would go to any extent to deceive the people.

"Be wary, they are very dangerous. They are willing to sell just about anything, including discrediting Malaysia's name abroad.

"I would like to explain here that they are anti-national. We must fight them to the end and make sure this country is not destroyed by their evil activities," he said in his opening address at the Barisan Nasional convention yesterday.

Some 2,340 delegates from 13 component parties attended the "iPeople, iNation, iVision" themed convention this year at Wisma MCA.

Najib also urged the people not to be taken in by the Opposition's "lies and tricks".

"The people must realise and understand that the opposition parties are insincere, opportunists and full of hypocrisy," he added.

Najib, who is also the BN chairman, took a prolonged swipe at opposition parties, especially Parti Keadilan Rakyat and its recently concluded polls that was marred by controversies.

"This is a party that does not receive mass support; the leadership of this party only represents certain interests, has greed for power and is so bent on solving (its) personal problems that it is willing to deceive the people."

He said it is not the people's duty to bear the burden of its leaders but vice-versa, which he

said was the stark difference between the BN and Pakatan Rakyat.

Najib stressed that the BN had never taken any step merely because it was popular, without thinking of the long-term consequences to the people. "The people can trust us to do not only what is right, but what is in their best interest, and what is in the best interest of this beloved nation of ours."

He said the opposition coalition was not adequately represented by all races but dominated by one. "Even if there are other races, they are merely tokens or for cosmetic purposes. More accurately, they are a pact of two families, with the third one merely a follower," he said in an apparent dig at PAS.

Najib also accused PKR of nepotism, criticising its top leadership of a father, mother and daughter team.

In a swipe at the DAP, he called it a "two-dynasty hegemony". Pointing to its lack of non-Chinese representation, he called into question the its credentials as a true multi-racial party.

Not sparing PAS, Najib said it was "odd" to find the party which supposedly supports Islamic teachings working with "great liars, a forger of documents and national traitors".

"PAS should be wiser than that," he said.

Najib also cautioned BN parties against allowing certain parties to destroy what the government had built over the years.

"Therefore, regardless of what happens, we must defend Putrajaya, not because of our egos or narrow self-interests, but for the future of all Malaysians."



Najib meets party leaders.