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'Opposition pact has no credibility to run nation'

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IN DISARRAY: It's only campaign period and they are already fighting, says Najib

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday took a swipe at the opposition coalition, saying the pact has no credibility to run the country as they could not even agree on its main policies.

He said it was currently only the campaigning period but the opposition already faced several issues, including fielding candidates against one another in certain constituencies.

"What will happen to the country if the opposition is given the mandate to rule? How will they decide on policies for our future?"

"To manage the country's direction for the future, a government cannot not be distracted by disagreements," he said during breakfast with some 1,000 people at Kampung Ketapang here.

On the contrary, he said Barisan Nasional was united and had the characteristics of a true coalition.

"In BN, we have a solid understanding of each other. We have our differences but when it comes to the country's primary policies, we are in unison," he said.

Referring to the hudud issue, Najib said the opposition's inability to agree on the implementation of the Islamic law showed it lacked credibility to run the country.

"Over the past few days, the opposition has released conflicting statements on hudud. Earlier, it was reported that one opposition party was hoping to implement hudud while another was against it.

"If one wants the people's support then one must gain the people's trust. How can they expect the people to trust them when they are not credible?"

Najib also told the crowd that he would continue developing Pekan, which had seen a lot of changes brought by BN.

"There are those who can see the progress but still refuse to acknowledge it. They choose to be blind but this will not stop me from bringing progress here," said Najib, who is being challenged by Parti Keadilan Rakyat supreme council member Fariz Musa.

Najib, who was Pekan member of parliament since 1976, urged voters to continue supporting him so that he could bring more development to the constituency.

"This election is also meaningful to me as I will be contesting as Pekan member of parliament while I am the prime minister," said Najib who likened the general election as a major examination where the people would evaluate BN on its achievements.

Najib also said his campaign programme was so tight that sometimes when he woke up in the morning he was not sure which state he was in.

"But I am determined to meet the people nationwide and win their support in this crucial election."

On his recent two-day visit to Sabah, Najib said he gained new experiences during the trip when he had to deliver a speech to some 10,000 people in Kota Belud over the telephone.

"The helicopter was unable to fly because of bad weather, but I managed to address them over the telephone."

Najib later opened the BN operations centre for Ketapang polling district. With him were BN candidate for Peramu Jaya state seat Datuk Sh Mohmed Fuzi Sh Ali and Bebar state seat candidate Mohd Fakhruddin Mohd Ariff.



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