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'People should not experiment with future'

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has urged the people to choose wisely on who should chart the country's direction for the next five years, and that they should not "experiment with the future".

He described the next general election as one that was about credibility, trust, future and continuation of Malaysia's success and about the fulfilment of promises.

"Malaysians have to choose between the government of the day, which has proven itself to be trustworthy, able to carry the people's hopes and dreams, that works to fulfil the dreams of our young, a government that will continue policies that are successful.

"Or, they can opt for the other side, who speaks without substance and take advantage when given trust," he said at the unveiling of the National

Transformation Programme 2012 results last night.

He said the Barisan Nasional government, which he described as a "transformative government", wasn't like the other side, which, during elections, published manifestos that weren't fulfilled once it was elected into power.

"The existing manifestos aren't met, and they proceed to publish new promises in the form of a 'buku

jingga'. And even as the ink has yet to dry on the 'buku jingga', they come out with another manifesto.

"If even their old promises are broken, can the people trust their new ones?"

Najib also touched on the Lahad Datu intrusion and said it should serve as a reminder to all not to take the issue of national security lightly.

"To those who try to belittle the contributions of our security forces,

learn to show gratitude. We should be thankful to them for protecting our nation."

He said Sabah would forever remain part of Malaysia.

"Sabahans are Malaysians. We will always defend the freedom and sovereignty of the country from any intrusion. We will not allow an inch of Malaysia to be snatched by anyone. This is the government's commitment."