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Najib: Barisan will win



Rural support: Najib urging voters to continue supporting Barisan at Rumah Awing Kampung Merindun in Lubok Antu. — ZULAZHAR SHEBLEE / The Star



Coalition leader confident of getting two-thirds majority

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KUCHING: As the campaign period for the 13th general election reaches its mid-way mark, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is confident that the people are with Barisan Nasional and that the coalition will garner a two-thirds majority.

The Barisan chairman said initial hiccups, which the coalition had experienced following the unveiling of the candidates, had been resolved.

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"Barisan is running on full gear and we are confident that the target (two-thirds majority) will be achieved," he told reporters at the end of his one-day visit to the state.

He said that although Barisan still had its share of problems, it was worse for the opposition as Pakatan Rakyat parties were dissatisfied with seat allocations in several areas.

This, he said, had resulted in the parties contesting, not just with Barisan or Independent candidates, but against each other.

Najib said support from voters in the rural and interior areas "remained solid" as the peo-

ple realised that their future would be with the coalition.

As for the mixed constituencies, he said Barisan stood a good chance at recapturing these seats, adding that there was also improved support in the Chinese majority areas.

"There is improvement but we need to double our efforts and work harder," said Najib.

"Even though we are confident of achieving our two-thirds target, I don't want our election machinery to be complacent."