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Najib: BN must win to realise its transformation plan

SERDANG: Barisan Nasional is not aiming to win in the next general election just to cling on to power, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the coalition needed a win to form the government as part of its transformation.

"We want to change our destiny, our community and all of Malaysia.

"MIC as an important component party must embrace real change to reflect the wishes and aspirations of the community," he said in his speech while opening the party's 67th annual general meeting here yesterday.

Najib urged MIC to adopt good

governance and fair practices to truly represent the Indians.

He said the "new and legitimate" leadership must be committed and dedicated to helping Indians of all castes and be seen as a party for all Malaysians.

"A cosmetic change in leadership is not good enough. There must be a clear sense of direction and an injection of new life to the party's struggles," he added.

Najib said the new leadership should go to the ground, listen to the people and find out their problems.

He also urged them to be magnanimous and incorporate

losers and minority members from the opposing camp back into its fold as true leaders of the community.

"We need political strength and not a community which is torn apart.

"Have faith in the coalition to turn Malaysia into a colourful and successful nation," he said, using the term *nambikei* (trust) to stress his point.

Najib said it was the responsibility of the Government to look after the welfare of all and correct any shortcomings.

"We have specific programmes and agenda for all communities.

"This is something nobody can dispute," he said, adding that some decisions had to be made for the good of the people although they were unpopular.

Najib said Barisan would continue to carry out policies which could benefit all Malaysians, without playing politics "all the time".

"I may not be able to solve all problems but be rest assured of my sincerity to help all Malaysians," he said.

The Government, he added, was willing to fine-tune some programmes for the Indian community which were not trickling down as expected.

Citing a recent walkabout at SJK (T) Dengkil, he said a new science lab was being built, as Tamil schools were "part of the country's education system".

"Diversity is not a hindrance but a source of strength for the country.

"The new MIC team has a dream and I, too, have one, so let us move forward together for the good of the nation," he said while reminding "little Napoleons" in the Government not to hinder the country's progress.

He also assured MIC president Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam that Indians were Malaysians and not *pendatang* (immigrants).

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