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Malays become 'bangsat' if Umno loses power: PM

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> They will lose their dignity, power and future, warns Najib

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KANGAR: Malays will become "bangsat" (contemptible) if Umno loses power, according to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

He said no other words can describe the situation should Umno be not in federal power.

He said Malays will lose them all if Umno is not in the national government

"(Malays will) lose their dignity, their power and future," he said yesterday in his speech when opening the joint annual meetings of the Umno Arau, Kangar and Padang Besar divisions.

Also present was Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Perlis Umno chief Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim and Perlis Mentri Besar Datuk Azlan Man.

Najib did not deny there are issues and problems to address but expressed confidence these can be resolved.

"If there are problems, find ways to solve them, it is not as if there are no solutions," he said.

Najib also defended his administration's economic performance, pointing out that the Malaysian economy grew by 4.9% in the second quarter compared with Singapore,

which grew 1.8%, and Indonesia, by 4.6%.

He said Malaysia is not alone in experiencing currency issues, saying the value of the Australia and New Zealand dollars has also contracted.

He said the two do not have to face the "IMDB issue", which shows, when put in perspective, the source of economic issues is external like the fall of oil prices.

"China with US\$4 trillion (about RM16.8 trillion) in reserves is also forced to devalue the yuan," he added.

Najib urged Umno to unite to face challenges, saying he is forming a team better than "Real Madrid" and "Barcelona".

"Do not score own goals, (or) the opponent will win, we want our own team to win," he said.

Najib also announced a RM800 million light industrial park to be built in Chuping, a RM200 million Perlis inland port, and the approval of a hospital in Padang Besar and the Urban Transformation Centre (UTC) to be completed by early 2016.



FRUITFUL ... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak with a rock melon he plucked from a "Royal Golden" vine after officiating at the opening of the Agri-Solar project's harvest festival and launch of the CWSP-AIPV Project at the Renewable Energy Park in Kampung Wai, Kuala Perlis, yesterday.