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'Declaration is misleading'

MAHATHIR-KIT SIANG AGENDA: It doesn't represent aspirations of people, says Najib

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THE Mahathir-Kit Siang declaration does not represent the sentiments and aspirations of the people. It is merely a tool to mislead the people by some quarters for their personal agenda, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday.

He said the document was not a people's declaration since it lacked the support of the majority of the people, including those from Sarawak.

"We must think with a clear mind in differentiating and ascertaining facts that are true, half true, fictitious or merely a personal opinion," said Najib, who is Barisan Nasional chairman.

"There is a group led by one person, whom Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem referred to earlier as a leader for 22 years.

"He had organised an event to announce a people's declaration when in fact it did not represent the sentiments of the people.

"It was actually never the idea of the people. The majority of the people do not even agree with it

(the declaration). So please, do not involve the people since it was all for his own agenda.

"Even the people here do not agree with such move as they are all for development agenda, which is what the government is doing now," said Najib to a loud applause from more than 5,000 people who attended the launching of the "Malaysian National Digital Inclusion" or Minda programme at the Kuching Waterfront here yesterday.

Present were Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak and Adenan.

Meanwhile at a meet-the-people session in Kampung Haji Baki Masjid Darul Ehsan near here last night, Najib said the people should avoid groups that made sweet

promises and instigated them to oppose the government. He said these groups were spreading the politics of hate towards the government and leaders.

"Whereas the present government is advocating a politics of unity, harmony and stability in the country, we want to bring in greater development and take the nation and the people's pride and recognition to greater heights."

Najib said the people should learn from the bitter experiences of countries such as Egypt, Syria, Libya and others involved in the "Arab Spring" uprisings.

"But, long-lasting and full support is needed to ensure all development projects and plans are implemented smoothly. Rome was, after all, not built in a day."

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