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'I'll finish what my father started'

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CAMPAIGN TRAIL:

Najib pledges to develop Sarawak to be on a par with other states

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak is determined to continue where his father left off in the pursuit of a progressive Sarawak.

In front of Sarawakians, Najib yesterday pledged that he would continue the mission that his father, second prime minister Tun Abdul Razak, started, which was to develop the rural areas of Sarawak.

The Barisan Nasional chairman said he was still not satisfied with the level of development in the state and that he would do all within his power to ensure that the Land of Hornbills stood on a par with the rest of the country's states.

"I will not be satisfied so long as Sarawak's level of development is not on a par with other states.

"My father was famous for bringing development to the rural areas. He did not manage to complete his mission and Sarawak is not yet fully developed," he said at a walkabout in Kabong here yesterday.

Najib said he would finish what his father started and that Sarawak could only progress under BN. The constituency is seeing a fight between BN and Parti Amanah Negara.

Najib urged voters in the area to ask themselves what they expected Amanah would be able to do for them.

"They can't do anything. Why waste your votes on them?" Najib said in his speech that was obvious to his audience came with emotional attachment.

He also reminded Kabong constituents that they should reject parties that could only "talk and criticise". Present were BN candidate for Kabong Mohd Chee Kadir and Kalaka candidate Datuk Abdul Wahab Aziz.

Chee, a fisherman's son turned lawyer, is going up against Jini Sahini from Amanah.

Describing Chee as a success story, Najib said the government wanted more people from rural areas to achieve similar success.

"Know that Sarawakians will be cared for if BN remains in power. People here want development, a brighter future, peace and prosperity. Only BN can give you that.

"Chee is the son of a fisherman but today, he is a successful lawyer. Despite being poor, you can be successful if given the right opportunities," he said.

Najib also promised to help them solve the issue of low water pressure experienced by residents, and approved the construction of a new



Barisan Nasional chairman **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** being mobbed by BN supporters during a walkabout in Betong yesterday. Picture courtesy of the Prime Minister's Office

school block in SK Abang Leman here.

Kabong, a newly-created seat, has 9,287 voters. The majority of its voters are Malay and Melanau (64.7 per cent), followed by Iban (28.3 per cent) and Chinese (6.6 per cent).

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