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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak with students during a gathering with the Chinese community at Tsung Wah Private School in Kuala Kangsar yesterday. Pic by Khairull Azry Bidin

Najib: Only BN ensures stability

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KUALA KANGSAR: The country's political stability and advancement of the economy depends on the strength of Barisan Nasional (BN), said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Najib, who is also BN chairman, said the strength of the Chinese community lied in the coalition's component parties.

"If MCA and Gerakan are strong, the Chinese community will have a stronger representation in government. Let's be practical. DAP cannot deliver and they have not delivered, but MCA and Gerakan have," he said at a meet-the-people gathering with the Chinese community at the Tsung Wah Private School here yesterday.

He said only BN had a clear vision and mission to fortify the unity among races in the country, which he said was the foundation for a developed nation.

Through the BN-led government's policies, Malaysians, regardless of racial, religious or educational background, would remain united and in harmony.

Najib said supporting the BN candidate for the Kuala Kangsar by-election Datin Mastura Mohd Yazid would mean that MCA and Gerakan showed a "new strength", adding that she would be a great representative for the constituency.

"Pas and Amanah are almost the same. Let us support the BN candidate. I know the Chinese are a practical people who want peace, harmony and stability."

He said the government would contribute funds for a new administrative building for the school.

The amount would be discussed by the school management and state MCA liaison committee chief Datuk Dr Mah Hang Soon, he said.

Later at SJK (T) Gandhi Memorial, Najib approved a RM100,000 allocation for the school to build concrete fencing for its field.

He also approved a RM750,000 allocation to the Indian Association Kuala Kangsar for its new building.

"I also approved a RM115,000 allocation for repair works at the

Kuala Kangsar Indian cemetery, including for upgrades to the cremation hall," he told some 300 Indians at the school here yesterday.

Najib said he had asked Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambray Abd Kadir to look into housing problems affecting 20 Indian families in Bukit Mercu here. Present were Zambray, MIC president Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam, Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid, Deputy Education Minister Datuk P. Kamalanathan and Mastura's sons.

Meanwhile, the government approved a RM43.5 million allocation for the construction of the Manong bridge near here.

"I contacted Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof and he confirmed that Manong folk had requested for the bridge. The government will build a 3km bridge and road nearby," said Najib when announcing the allocation at a breaking of fast event with Manong residents here yesterday. **By Hana Naz Harun and Teoh Pei Ying**