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Engaging in 'politics of hope'

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Najib: Umno instils confidence, not fear, in the people

PARIT: Umno does not engage in the politics of fear, but will always convince the people to have confidence in the party to administer the country, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

During a speech at the Parit Umno annual general meeting here, he said only parties which did not have power and wanted to topple the Government would engage in politics of fear.

Najib said there were two dimensions in politics, namely the "politics of fear" and "politics of hope", and Umno, as the party in power, did not need to play the first because by doing so, it would destroy the people's hopes.

"We will be in disarray, disorganised, uncertain, aimless (if resorting to politics of fear).

"Umno will continue to give hope for the people because it has been proven that for the 60 years Umno has been in power, we are the party that has done a lot of deeds and brought changes to Malaysia," he said during the opening of the Parit Umno delegates conference here yesterday.

On another matter, Najib said he has agreed to provide an allocation for repairs to the 9km-long Parit-Siputeh road.

In Johor Baru, state Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin described Pakatan Harapan's move to rebuild Malaysia as an effort to build new homes for the people with only



Showing love: Najib joining students from Mara Junior Science College Parit to display the 'finger heart' after opening the Parit Umno delegates conference. — Bernama

elderly workers to build them.

If Pakatan builds a house, it would have holes, be unsafe to live in and need much repair work, he said in reference to the Opposition's calls that it would rebuild the nation.

"Rebuilding a house needs strategy and it has to be done in phases using new workers who are better trained and equipped.

"Not by destroying the house and rebuilding it again from the ground up, using old workers and in their

case, old leaders," he said in his speech at the state Barisan convention here yesterday.

Khaled questioned the Opposition's accusations that Barisan was responsible for damaging the country.

He said the Opposition did not question the past actions of Opposition leaders Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who were once in the Barisan Government.

Khaled, who is Johor Menteri Besar, said the Opposition has never given any constructive developments plan for the state.

He also called on Barisan leaders to send out a strong message to the people that the coalition represents "Team Malaysia", and not just separate parties acting on their own.

"Barisan has shown that it can govern the country as a united coalition and it is the best team for the future of Malaysia," he added.