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'Unfair to slam China deals'

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> PM reiterates investments from them same as those from other countries

PEKAN: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak has reiterated that society must not be easily duped by the political farce of certain quarters who say wooing investments from China is akin to pawning off national sovereignty.

He said the investments from China were the same as those from other countries, taking into account the inter-connected world and the globalisation phenomenon.

"Basically, there is no difference between investments from China with those from Europe, Japan, South Korea and others ... we can accept investments from the 'white men's' nations, but when from China, (they) say we want to sell sovereignty.

"This is unfair because investments from China benefits the nation, including in Pahang, not only large investments like ECRL (the construction of the East Coast Train Railway) but the price of palm oil

also goes up, to simultaneously profit smallholders and settlers," he said.

Najib, who is also the Pekan member of Parliament, said this at "An Evening with the Chinese Community in Pekan" programme at Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Cina (SJKC) Pekan here yesterday. Also present at the event was Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

Najib, at the same time, gave his assurance that no race would be marginalised in national development, which was the government policy and his responsibility as prime minister.

"As such, we must show our concern by having numerous programmes other than policies which encompass all quarters. (We) must go down to the field to meet, shake hands and give attention to every community's problem," he said.

Najib, in his speech, also stressed that SJKC Pekan was close to his heart due to its uniqueness of having 60% Malay pupils followed by Chinese (29%), orang asli (15%) and Indian (4%).

"This makes the school a reflection of the composition of our society," he said.
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