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# Najib: We've raised the bar

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Peace and security will ensure Malaysia's rapid development, says PM

**KLUANG:** Malaysia is developing rapidly and is an exemplary country among other nations, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He outlined four reasons that contributed to Malaysia's success – peace and security, political stability, clarity of vision and the Government's ability to fulfil promises.

He noted that peace and security are vital and a research institute in its global peace index last month ranked Malaysia as 29th peaceful country among 163 countries.

"Even the United States of America was ranked 114," he said at the national-level Hari Raya open house here last night.

Najib said Barisan Nasional government which has been in power since the independence, is a stable government that puts great emphasis on the sharing of power between the races.

He cited the Sembrong parliamentary constituency in Kluang as the best example to showcase the Barisan spirit.

He said the Sembrong parliamentary is held by Umno, but two of its state seats – Paloh and Kahang – are held by MCA and MIC respectively.

"The Kahang seat is actually a seat with 99% Malay voters," he said, urging the people not to gamble their future with the Opposition which does not even know who its leader is, referring to Pakatan



**All together now:** Najib and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor are flanked by (from left) Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz, Hishammuddin, Mohamed Khaled, Dr Ahmad Zahid, Khaled's wife Datin Seri Rosni Omar and Hishammuddin's wife Datin Seri Marsilla Tengku Abdullah during the launch of the Hari Raya open house national level celebration in Kluang, Johor.

Harapan which listed three individuals as its top leaders.

The Government, he said, also has a clear vision in developing the country for the benefit of the people, citing the high speed rail project to connect Kuala Lumpur and Singapore and the MRT project in the Klang Valley among them.

Barisan also did not make empty promises and that it always fulfil its pledges to the people, he added.

Thousands of people, including foreign dignitaries attended the open house.

Those present include Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein and the Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Earlier, at the National Civics Bureau (BTN) Hari Raya open house, Najib said the bureau is vital in developing the right frame of mind and spirit among Malaysians.

He said BTN still has a role today in developing the TN50 generation,

the millennials, who are vastly different from their ancestors.

"Our young generation has not gone through the struggles of their forefathers, like the fight for Independence. They are luckier because they are more educated, and they are more educated because of a Government that fought for a better future for them.

"There is no better guarantee for our future than the TN50 generation, and BTN is necessary to incorporate patriotism and the fighting spirit in them," he said.