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Najib: Clarify stand on Anwar

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'Dr M must state if he still believes his 1997 accusation is true'

KUALA LUMPUR: Pakatan Harapan chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad must state whether he stands by his accusation in 1997 that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is a leader with no morals, says the Prime Minister.

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said this was because many were uncertain on whether Dr Mahathir maintained his remarks then that Anwar was guilty of unnatural sex and was not fit to lead the country.

"The rakyat are now questioning whether the allegations made by Dr Mahathir was correct or whether he is now willing to sacrifice his principles for the sake of political purposes.

"As long as he does not answer this, the people will think that his previous statement is just a political

ploy with no sincerity," he told reporters after attending the national Umno Hari Raya celebration at PWTC yesterday.

On Friday, Dr Mahathir announced that he would team up with Anwar to lead Pakatan in the next general election.

The coalition also named Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PBBM) president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng and Amanah president Mohamad Sabu as deputy presidents.

Najib hit out at Pakatan for announcing Dr Mahathir and Anwar as their leaders when in reality it will be DAP which will be making the final call in the Opposition coalition.

"This is actually a political ploy as the political party with the highest

representation is the strongest.

"We believe the DAP will win the most seats and they will have the ultimate power," he said.

The Barisan Nasional chairman and Umno president urged the people to put their full trust in the ruling coalition which has a clear leadership, direction and structure to ensure a secure future.

"If we are in a situation that is not clear and directionless, and unsure about who will call the shots and about direction and policies, the people's future will be at high risk."

Najib advised Malaysians not to gamble with their future by voting for the opposition when they had a reliable option in Umno and the Barisan.

"Why should we do that when we

have Umno and Barisan which have a good track record?

"The world has recognised and admitted that the current government has put the country at a position that we can all be proud of."

He said Umno had a track record of more than 60 years in administering and bringing the country to greater heights.

"The rakyat knows how to choose between glass and diamond. Umno has been around for more than 71 years as a political party and has transformed the nation to what it is today.

"Not only that, we have a vision for the country such as the National Transformation 2050 (TN50) project among others. It shows that the people can put their trust in us," said the Prime Minister.