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Opposition's claims on FDIs baseless, have racist undertones, says Najib

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BARISAN Nasional will continue to be an investor-friendly government by making Malaysia an attractive destination for foreign direct investments (FDIs), said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Najib urged local and foreign investors to ignore the opposition's claims about FDIs as they were baseless and had racist undertones.

"It is evident that our government and the nation welcome FDIs... (it does not matter) whether you are from Japan, China, Saudi Arabia, the United States or Singapore.

"If you add value to our economy, provide more jobs, bring in new technologies and add to our



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak officiating at the ground breaking for the Bukit Bintang City Centre and Mitsui Shopping Park LaLaport KL development in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With him are Second Finance Minister Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani (fourth from right), UDA Holdings Bhd chairman and BBC Development Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Shafei Abdullah (fifth from right), Mitsui Fudosan Co Ltd executive managing officer Akihiko Funaoka (fifth from left) and Japanese ambassador to Malaysia Dr Makio Miyagawa (fourth from left). PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD

export values, you are welcome to invest in Malaysia.

"Disregard what the opposition has to say about FDIs. What they

have said are baseless and there were also racist (undertones).

"That is why, as far as this government is concerned, we will

continue to be an investor-friendly government," he said when officiating at the ground breaking for the Bukit Bintang

City Centre (BBCC) and Mitsui Shopping Park LaLaport KL (LaLaport KL) development here yesterday.

Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had claimed that Najib's move to attract FDIs by selling Malaysian land was akin to selling Singapore to Great Britain during the colonial era.

Najib said the construction of BBCC would lead to an integrated rail transport network to allow commuters to travel efficiently across the city, Greater KL and the Klang Valley.

"Since the start, this government has taken very seriously the challenges facing our public transport system, which were neglected by one of my predecessors," said Najib, who was believed to have been referring to Dr Mahathir.

"I have directed my administration to pay attention to rail services."

This was not the first time Najib had criticised Dr Mahathir for allegedly neglecting the city's public transportation system.

In October, Najib said that the longest-serving prime minister never paid attention to public transport as he was more focused on cars, "especially Proton cars".