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# NAJIB: OPPOSITION AN 'ALI BABA PACT'

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It is indecisive in deciding who will be PM, says Najib

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has labelled the opposition as an "Ali Baba pact" for its indecisiveness in naming its candidate for prime minister should it win the 14th General Election.

He said the opposition had instead only agreed on a deputy prime minister-designate sans any hint or a consensus on the No.1 post.

Najib said what was "weirder" was that the opposition's deputy prime minister candidate would decide who would be the prime minister from the fold.

He said the opposition could not decide on whether PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, her husband and PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim or Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, among others, would be the prime minister candidate.

"They (the opposition) don't agree on who should become the deputy prime minister, but who will become the prime minister? Is it Dr Wan Azizah, Anwar or Muhyiddin?"

"Even weirder, the (opposition's) deputy prime minister will decide who will be the prime minister. This is an Ali Baba pact," Najib said in his speech yesterday



Lim Kit Siang



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad



Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin



Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail



Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir

to launch the Sindumin-Kampung Melalia road project as part of the Pan-Borneo Highway here in Sindumin town.

Najib's poser on the opposition's conundrum came on the heels of the ongoing debate in the opposition fold on who would be its prime minister candidate, following PPBM chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's involvement with Pakatan Harapan.

On Feb 11, Najib, who is also

Barisan Nasional chairman, tweeted that DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang was in fact Pakatan Harapan de facto leader, as his party has the most opposition seats in Parliament.

"Lim is Pakatan's de facto leader. DAP should stop hiding it. Voters know DAP has the most seats among the opposition and Lim calls the shots," Najib said.

DAP holds 37 out of 89 opposition seats, while PKR's share of seats stands at 28. Other opposition parties with much fewer seats are Pas (14), Parti Amanah Negara (6), Parti Sosialis Malaysia (1), PPBM (1) and Parti Warisan Sabah (2).

Earlier this year, former DAP vice-chairman Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim alleged that Lim had struck a deal with Dr Mahathir to appoint his son and PPBM deputy president Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir as prime minister. Mukhriz has since denied the claim.

In December, it was reported that Lim had mooted for Dr Wan Azizah and Muhyiddin to be the "interim" prime minister and deputy prime minister respectively, while Anwar would remain

the prime minister-designate.

The confusion began in September when Dr Mahathir was quoted in a report saying "the most likely prime minister (candidate) will be Muhyiddin". Nevertheless, Dr Mahathir later appeared to have walked back on the statement and said he could not determine who should hold the post.

In his speech yesterday, Najib also said the Pakatan Harapan pact "tended to 'main buyuk' (cheat) for making empty promises to the people.

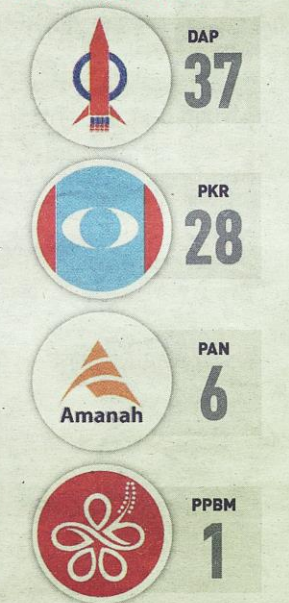
He said unlike the opposition, the government worked hard to fulfil its commitment to the people, as seen in the realisation of the Pan-Borneo Highway project.

"In the peninsula, we call it 'temberang' (cheat or lie). You can say it, you can even promise (to do something), but your promises are only a lip service.

"But for me, my commitment as the prime minister is real, and the Pan-Borneo Highway is our gift to the people of Sabah."

He also refuted the opposition's claims that the country was a "failed state", citing the RM12.86 billion Pan-Borneo Highway project, which is of

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world-class standard.

In an apparent jab at Dr Mahathir, Najib said a leader who had been "at the country's helm for 22 years" could not perceive the importance of such a project in East Malaysia.

"He did not initiate Pan-Borneo Highway, but only the North-South Expressway in the peninsula. It is unfair for the people of Sabah to see only those in the peninsula enjoy infrastructure development.

"I have done this not expecting anything in return. But, when the time comes, don't forget about me and BN. There is one Chinese proverb which I like: if you drink the water from a well, don't forget the person who dug the well," said Najib.

During the event, Najib also presented appointment letters to consultants and surveyors involved in the project.

Present were Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman, Deputy Chief Minister and State Infrastructure Development Minister Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan, Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof and Sipitang member of parliament Datuk Sapawi Ahmad.

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