

Najib: Treat polls as gauge of govt's performance

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CAMERON HIGHLANDS: The by-election here should be viewed as a referendum on the government's performance, says Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Najib said voters should question and hold Pakatan Harapan accountable for all its unfulfilled promises.

"There were a lot of big and unprecedented promises made, but only one was done, which was to abolish the goods and services tax," said the former prime minister, after a walkabout in Ringlet.

The Pekan MP said Pakatan Harapan had also promised the prices of goods would go down and life would be easier.

"The reality is that it's the opposite," he said.

Najib said mackerel was RM20 per kg and chicken RM10 per kg when he visited the Sungai Koyan market.

"We hope the people will punish them for having been lied to. That's the message," he said.

Najib also said Barisan Nasional has a lot at stake and should not



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Show of support: Supporters cheering for Najib during a walkabout in Ringlet, Cameron Highlands. With him is Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail (left).

view the polls as just another by-election.

He said Cameron Highlands was an opportunity for the coalition to emerge stronger.

"We will start with Cameron Highlands, where Barisan will rise again," he said.

Najib also said his second visit here was due to requests by the locals.

"The Menteri Besar told me that folks in some areas here had asked for me.

"I've also gotten direct WhatsApp messages from orang asli in Pos

Betau to visit again," he said,

PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had criticised Najib for visiting the area again and behaving as if he had done nothing wrong while being prime minister.

"Why must he care? It's my right as a Barisan leader."