

**Transcend Race In Serving The People, Najib Tells BN Leaders**  
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SHAH ALAM, Sept 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today reminded leaders of Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties to transcend race in serving the people.

The Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman said the ruling coalition might not have been successful in leading the nation by being dependent only on any one race.

"A genuine BN leader guided by the coalition's spirit and principles will not be bothered about race and skin colour when it comes to helping the needy.

"He or she should go to the people to help those in need," he said when opening the Selangor BN Convention at the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Polytechnic, here.

Najib, who is also Selangor BN chairman, also said that BN leaders should serve the people at all times and not just during elections.

The prime minister said the leaders should not be overly concerned about their positions in the party to the extent that they neglected their responsibility of serving the people well.

"We are too concerned about our positions in the party, and about being the delegates in the party.

"We should shed the mentality of old," he said.

He said they should get it out of their minds that they had to be with their respective groups (race) during an election.

Najib said the consensus formula founded on national unity initiated by past leaders had set the nation on the right track and provided consolidation in developing Malaya and then Malaysia.

That formula, which had survived to this day, should be inherited by the new generation to show to the people at the grassroots that the spirit of the BN was still very much appreciated and adhered to by leaders of the coalition.

"We picked the path that provides the best future for the nation, a form of consensus with which we set a precedent for other countries, including developed ones," he said.

Najib said the BN government had determined the national agenda which it introduced through the economic transformation programme, government transformation programme and political transformation programme, and which the opposition could not compete with.

"The major changes I announced two days ago are a major agenda which can elevate the country to the status of a successful and respected nation," he said, referring to his announcement on the repeal of the Internal Security Act (ISA) and revocation or review of other legislation to provide for greater civil liberties.

Earlier, Najib handed over the replica of a key to a 1Malaysia mobile clinic to Puteri Umno chief Datuk Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin.

The clinic would operate in Selangor, serving the people mainly in the remote areas of the state.

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