

Najib Pays Tribute To Sergeant Abot Saad
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SUNGAI SIPUT, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- The prime minister has paid a glowing tribute to Sergeant Abot Saad, a member of the legendary VAT 69 Army Commando Unit, who killed five communist terrorists and captured 18 others during the insurgency.

"He is one who knows communist terror. Even an Orang Asli is aware of communist brutality.

"He was willing to defend the sovereignty of our country and innocent people because he knows that if he did not kill the communists, they will in turn kill him and thousands others," said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak at the launch of the national-level Orang Asli community linkage programme attended by about 7,000 people here Saturday.

Najib, who was on a one-day visit to Perak, earlier presented special gifts to Abot in Sungai Rapat, Ipoh.

The prime minister said he was puzzled as a certain opposition leader glorified the communist as if he was oblivious to the atrocities inflicted by communist terrorists on the people during the insurgency.

He said such leader should be rejected by the people.

Najib said he felt the communist terror for he had served as Pahang menteri besar at the time when the country was still flushing out communist remnants.

"As MB (menteri besar), I was also the state director of internal security and I understood the situation well.

"I had seen and visited our security personnel, who were maimed by landmines planted by communists. Many of them lost their legs and hands, and suffered other grievous injuries," he said.

Najib urged the people to evaluate rationally the differences between Barisan Nasional (BN) and the opposition.

"Under BN we are not merely making sweet promises but we deliver them.

"This is what distinguishes us from the opposition. They are willing to make promises when they want something from the people. And they will make all sort of promises in the run-up to the election" he added.

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