

**Over 20,000 Turn Up To Meet Najib
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PASIR PUTEH, July 2 (Bernama) -- More than 20,000 people turned up for a meeting with the Prime Minister at Sekolah Kebangsaan Sri Aman in Kampung Tok Nik here today -- which Datuk Seri Najib said was a clear indication of their support for Umno and opposition to the illegal assembly planned for July 9.

If the attendance for a function organised in an opposition-held state was so high, the support in states under Barisan Nasional rule was certain to be greater still, the Prime Minister said.

Thus, he said, chairman of the coalition planning the illegal assembly S. Ambiga must realise that the people support the struggles and policies of BN and they do not side with the opposition and are against the assembly.

"Ambiga should not think herself so strong. We will not budge at all, fighting for the truth. We will keep our claws," he said at the gathering.

Also present were Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen and Deputy Finance Minister Senator Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin.

Najib said the organisers of the assembly claimed that their aim was to correct the electoral system, but could not explain why PAS was able to hold power in Kelantan for 21 years now.

And in the 2008 general election, he noted, the opposition held on to Kelantan and captured Perak, Penang, Kedah and Selangor.

The Prime Minister said that all this showed that Malaysia was a democratic country and not at all like middle eastern countries such as Egypt where the government claimed 95 per cent of the votes and ruled for 30 years.

In Malaysia, the ruling party only obtained a simple majority in the last national polls and it changed its leaders, he said.

Najib said that BN would not send its supporters in Pasir Puteh to Kuala Lumpur to clash with people involved with the illegal assembly despite their large number.

To do so would cause chaos which could affect economic stability and the progress that BN leaders had brought to the nation through the years, he said.

"We have been building this nation for so long. We do it peacefully. Ambiga wants to ruin all this," he said.

Najib said the wind of change was sweeping through Kelantan as attested to by the large number of people at the gathering.

He promised that BN would bring development to Kelantan if voted to power in the state.

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