

'Opposition political chameleons'
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CHANGING THEIR STANCE: Najib chides opposition for singing a different tune over PTPTN

SANDAKAN: MALAYSIA can do without politicians who keep changing their tune for the sake of becoming popular.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday described them as "political chameleons" who were out to win the people's hearts by fooling them.

He said this in reference to the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) which was endorsed by opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim when he was finance minister.

Najib added that DAP leaders Lim Kit Siang and Lim Guan Eng had also supported the scheme introduced by the Barisan Nasional government to fund students to further their studies in higher learning institutions.

"They had even asked for bigger allocations to be given to the students but today they are singing a different tune by denying they had supported it.

"It is in the Parliament Hansard," he said of the move by the opposition to abolish the scheme.

Najib, who is on a two-day visit to Sabah, said this in his address during a 1Malaysia Dinner gathering with constituents from Sandakan and Batu Sapi parliamentary areas.

Also present were Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman, state cabinet ministers as well as Sandakan member of parliament Datuk Liew Vui Keong and Batu Sapi member of parliament Datin Linda Tsen.

"We should be careful with promises they make as it can be a strong weapon and they will offer the sun, the moon and even the galaxy.

"They might take the people's intelligence for granted because I am sure it's easy to distinguish what is achievable and what remains an election slogan."

The BN government, Najib said, had a clear direction to bring the country forward accompanied by specific agendas and road map on how it plans to push Malaysia into a developed high income nation.

"It is not just a pipe dream and the opposition are not able to punch holes into our road map."

He called on constituents in Sandakan and Batu Sapi to trust BN with their support and return it with a strong mandate in the coming general election.

"So when the elections come next week or next month or the next two months or next year, do support the BN. I would like to have support from all because I believe the 1Malaysia concept will work if I have a strong mandate to continue leading the country," Najib added.

He also noted that the country had won many accolades from foreign leaders and a recent visit by British Prime Minister David Cameron, the first in 18 years, was a clear testament.

Many foreign leaders would not waste their time if they did not think the country they were visiting was not successful enough, he asserted.

Today, Najib will be visiting two of the most densely populated areas here, Bandar Kim Fung and Taman Mawar.

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