

**Opposition not concerned about free and fair elections, says Najib**  
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KUCHING: The Opposition should not fool the people with claims that elections in the country are not clean or fair, says Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

When the Opposition won five states in the last general election as well as the Sibü by-election, they did not question the Election Commission (EC), the Prime Minister said.

"But now, all of a sudden the EC has been condemned as though elections in Malaysia are dirty and unfair. I say, if they are not clean or fair, show us the proof.

"We do not want to be elected based on fraud. We are a Government that has been elected according to the people's wishes," he said during the Janji Ditepati' programme at Wisma Bapa Malaysia here yesterday.

He added that the majority of the people voted for Barisan Nasional because they knew it was the better choice, not because they were deceived.

"We have proven our ability to lead and we have a clear agenda for the country, to bring it towards greater development and becoming a high-income nation.

"The Opposition has no agenda and no proven leaders. Their ability and credibility are questionable. So there is no need for them to accuse the EC and the Government or try to deceive the people," he said.

Najib said the Government did not deny the Bersih 3.0 protesters their right to demonstrate but they should not cause disorder or tarnish the country's image.

He said the Government did not allow them to use Dataran Merdeka because it was the symbol of the country's independence.

However, he said the Government had offered Merdeka Stadium as a venue and he had even instructed the city's police to ensure the protesters' safety.

"If they really want to demonstrate, the venue should not be so important. We are allowing them their basic right to assemble but it must be in a peaceful manner," he added.

Later, Najib said Bersih activists merely wanted to paint a negative image of the Government to the world and confront the police so that they could throw allegations of police brutality to the public.

"They are not concerned about fair and clean elections. It's all about politics and taking over Putrajaya. They know that our election is clean and fair.

"Otherwise, would we have lost in the Sibü by-election by about 400 votes? If it is unfair, do you think we could not have manipulated those 400 votes?

"Last year, Barisan lost some seats in the Sarawak state election as well," he said.

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