

PM tells Malaysians not to gamble away their future

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BETONG: The people should think twice before voting for the "other side" and gambling away their future.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said they should stick to the leadership of Barisan Nasional, whose track record had been proven for many years.

"What we have today is a success story. Don't gamble away our future. This is not the time to experiment with something that can create more uncertainty to our future.

"We must stick with what we have because it is a proven success," Najib said during the Betong Gawai 2012 celebration at Tan Sri Datuk Amar Stephen Kalong Ningkan Indoor Stadium here yesterday.

He said Malaysians could not afford to gamble away their future because a country's fortune could slide very fast.

"I was telling the Chief Minister (Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud) last night that even a nation like the United States could become the biggest debtor country from being the world's largest creditor in the span of only seven years.

"If a mere seven years can change the fortune of a large country like United States, what more a small country like ours?" he asked.

Najib said the reason for his visit to the state this time was to meet Sarawakians, especially the Dayaks, during their Gawai celebration.

"When I say I'm a Prime Minister to all races in the country, I must go down to the ground and show it. It is not rhetorical nor a political statement. I come down here to celebrate Gawai with you all.

"We gave the biggest allocation to Sabah and Sarawak under the National Key Results Areas. For the past three years, I have approved a RM2.3bil allocation for development projects in Sarawak, of which over 70% are completed. This shows that Barisan doesn't make empty promises and only during election season," said Najib.

Later, Najib announced the building of a new Dayak Cultural Foundation headquarters in Kuching with an initial RM5mil allocation.

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