

PM: Do not opt for change via revolution as it may bring instability
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SHAH ALAM: Changes made through evolution rather than revolution will contribute to a more positive transformation of the country, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said youths wanted to see change and improvement at a faster pace as compared to the older generation.

"There are two types of phenomena that bring change. One is change in the form of revolution, which is a sudden change. And then, there is change by evolution.

"Based on the history of human civilisation, and more so in the contemporary context, change brought about by evolution is more effective than revolution," he said, citing Egypt as an example of how revolutionary change was unstable for a nation.

"They have yet to restore order, their economy is almost crippled, their tourism, which is a key sector, is failing and their unemployment rate is high.

"This is because they cannot handle change in an orderly manner," he added.

Najib said Malaysia had evolved into a successful nation since its independence 55 years ago.

"Malaysia has evolved from a poor and small country. We were not confident, not optimistic and unsure if we would succeed as a nation. Many doubted us.

"But today, no one can deny Malaysia's success," he said at the launch of the 4B Youth movement's 36th annual gathering here yesterday.

Najib told the 12,000 youths gathered not to be easily influenced by certain parties and their ideals.

"They want free and fair elections. We too want free and fair elections. We do not want to win tainted polls. We want to win because we have the support of the people.

"Not only is the objective important, but the method of achieving the objective is important too. The objective does not justify the method," he said, in reference to the Bersih 3.0 rally.

Later at the Malaysian Indian Economic Conference dinner in Seri Kembangan, Najib announced that the Government would set aside RM180mil in various forms of loans specifically for Malaysian Indian entrepreneurs.

"The loans would enable us to assist more Indian entrepreneurs to start-up or expand their businesses," he said after receiving an economic blueprint compiling the issues faced by the local Indian business community from the Malaysian Associated Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Apart from the loans, he said a team would go to the ground to register Indians who were bankrupt or blacklisted and a fair and responsible solution would be developed to resolve their problems.

"We are also going to ensure that more Indian companies are adequately qualified to bid for Government and GLC contracts," he said.

He added that the request for 27,000 more foreign workers by Indian entrepreneurs would be approved to ensure their businesses can run smoothly.

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