

**Opposition Parties Worried About Letting People Determine Their Fate: Najib  
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PUTRAJAYA, April 30 (Bernama) -- The move by certain quarters to cast doubts on the independence of the country's institutions is a reflection of their anxieties about letting the people determine their fate, the prime minister said.

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said these groups knew they had no support from the people and had to resort to casting doubts on the integrity of these institutions.

However, they were silent on the fact that they too had achieved success under these institutions, Najib said.

The danger, he said, was that when the integrity of these institutions were in doubt, and they become successful in achieving their political ambition under these institutions, their success would be questioned and doubted.

"The opposition should not only dare to hide behind street violence, but also be courageous to compete in a democratic arena, in the market of ideas and in charting out the future agenda for the country in a fair, free and competitive manner," he said when announcing the minimum wage for the private sector, here Monday night.

He added that the opposition should be prepared to come under the people's scrutiny and be judged by them based on their vision, idea, policy, programme and track record.

"Let it not be that because of the shallowness of our thoughts, we follow our desires and sacrifice the future of the country and its people. Let's not ever be the destroyers of the future of the children of Malaysia," he said.

The prime minister also said that Malaysia was recognised as a successful country because the people had been enjoying excellent quality of life apart from having a government which has the ability to safeguard peace and political stability.

He added that parliamentary democracy and Constitutional Monarchy had become the core of the country's administration based on the philosophy of federation, supremacy of the constitution and the rule of law in which the wishes of the people were expressed through the ballot boxes.

"We have successfully achieved this because of the government's careful planning," he said.

The prime minister added that any changes taking place in the country should continue to be orderly and peaceful irrespective of the parties or coalitions chosen by the people to form the government.

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