

**Malaysia Does Not Need A Revolutionary Programme - Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said Malaysia does not need a revolutionary programme but instead needed leaders committed to change who the people could trust.

The prime minister said this year promised to be a year of robust political discourse in Malaysia and hoped it would be one where more and more of the politicians addressed the real choices Malaysians faced.

"Ultimately it is the people who will determine the future. That is what our freedom from colonial rule was all about, that is what we preserved from the moment of Merdeka and we should all be proud of: a Malaysia where Malaysians decide," he said.

Najib said this in his latest entry titled "1Malaysia Is A Commitment To Transformation" in his blog [www.1malaysia.com.my](http://www.1malaysia.com.my) today.

He drew attention on those opposing the 1Malaysia concept, categorising them in two groups, the die-hards who say there should be no change from the approach of 1971 and the first wave of the New Economic Policy and those demanding revolutionary change.

As for the first group, Najib said: "I can understand why some are fearful: many of the historic imbalances in our society still need addressing; - and we will.

"But we must also have an approach that encourages all who can contribute to Malaysia to stay here and also we must recognise that widening ownership of the economy will not, of itself, fight poverty at root."

To those who feared 1Malaysia for these reasons, Najib advised them to be calm and patient as 1Malaysia was about a dynamic strategy to fight poverty in the country.

"And I believe, (1Malaysia) will achieve much more than if we refuse to change," he said.

The prime minister said it was the second group of opponents of 1Malaysia who worried him more.

"They dismiss anything and everything we have done as being not enough and instead demand a revolutionary programme of change. To different audiences they say different things: motivated only by a lust for power and what seems like congenital need to provoke more and more controversy."

"Of course, taken together their programme is a mess: one cannot promise to abolish road tolls, write off RM40 billion in National Higher Education Fund (PTPTN) loans and cut the budget deficit all at once: very quickly one of these promises would fall apart leaving a lot of angry people and an economy in free fall," he said.

Nevertheless, despite his fears, Najib said he was an optimist.

"Stocking up anger at the alleged failure of the current government to implement such a crazed programme will, I believe, only fail in the end, because the more such a dangerous mix of impossible promises is exposed to public scrutiny, the less and less credible those who seek to stir things up will be," he added.

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