

Najib promises special manifesto to develop Kelantan
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KOTA BAHARU, May 5 — Barisan Nasional (BN) will have a special manifesto for Kelantan in the next general elections, as the coalition was always finding new ideas, setting new agendas and planning various programmes for the people, Datuk Seri Najib Razak said yesterday.

“In this 21st century, if we want to compete we have to do it in terms of ideas, agendas and programmes, which we refer back to the people to choose as to which are the best.

“What are the BN’s ideas?... RTC, GTP, ETP, NEM and if these are not enough, the government comes up with BR1M whereby 92 per cent of households in Kelantan enjoyed the (BR1M) aid,” the BN chairman said when launching the Bandar Baru Tunjong RTC during a one-day visit to Kelantan yesterday.

The acronymns stand for Rural Transformation Centre, Government Transformation Programme, Economic Transformation Programme, New Economic Model and Bantuan Rakyat 1 Malaysia (1 Malaysia’s People’s Aid) under which households with monthly incomes below RM3,000 are given a one-off cash aid of RM500, according to Bernama Online.

The prime minister (picture) said on the other hand, the opposition’s agenda always kept changing and was more prone to instigating the people to do bad things like encouraging them to topple the government through unlawful methods.

Najib said no government could underestimate the intelligence of the people and must cater to them through good ideas, agendas and sound planning and not teach people to engage in misconduct.

He said governments must also allow their ideas to be evaluated by the people like what the BN government had done to bring about a huge transformation for the nation and the wellbeing of the people.

“And this is what we are doing here today, launching this RTC in the hope that it will bring great benefits to the people in Kelantan.

“This is what I mean by competing in terms of ideas, to show the government has the edge where vision is concerned and it includes the National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS) as the forming of RTCs involves the cooperation of eight ministries so that people in rural areas can earn better incomes,” he said, promising that the RTC which cost more than RM140 million would become a famous centre of commerce and a symbol of appreciation by the BN to the people of Kelantan.

Blasting the PAS-led Kelantan government for being inconsistent in its struggle, Najib said the setting up of the RTC where the government acted as the middleman between suppliers and buyers, would make it a busy market which provided good returns to both farmers and traders.

He said the Kelantan government could only change building colours to green apart from issuing edicts (fatwa) calling on the people to bring down the (federal) government.

“This is a development idea (Kelantan RTC), what is his (Kelantan Menteri Besar’s) idea? Painting building greens, not enough buildings, paint the fencing green, still not enough, even the roof is painted green, is this what you call a struggle and if these are the ideas, obviously such people cannot administer the country,” he said.

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