

Najib Lays Out Seven Principles To Guide The People In Making Their Choice In The 13th General Election

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KUALA LUMPUR, May 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak laid out seven principles to guide the people in making their assessment and consideration for the coming 13th general election (GE).

Najib, who is also Umno president, said the principles were formulated based on the almost seven decades of Umno's contributions to the country.

"I want to lay out seven principles which can help us to make an assessment and consideration. Firstly, between the Barisan Nasional (BN) and the opposition, which has the leadership that is trustworthy and keeps its promises? Who does everything? Barisan Nasional!"

"Besides that, of the 22 promises made by the opposition...most of them are not fulfilled in Selangor. Who failed to manage the water issue. There is a whole lot more where they failed.

"Secondly, we have to determine that tomorrow will be better than today. Between BN and the opposition, who one can assure that Malaysians will be much much better off tomorrow than today," he said at Umno's 66th anniversary celebration at the at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil here Friday night.

Najib said the people should also be able to evaluate which side was capable of preserving the supremacy of the constitution, the sovereignty of the country, laws, the sanctity of Islam and the Malay rulers, as well as the rights of other races in the country.

The fourth principle, he said, was the people should be able to make a choice, between the BN and the opposition, of the party which was capable of managing the country's economy.

"The fifth, who can preserve harmony in the country. The sixth, who can bring systematic changes and reforms? Who brings about the country's transformation?," he said.

The last principle, said the prime minister, was that the people should be able to choose the party which could preserve the country's harmony to enable Malaysia to achieve the status of a high income country.

With the people gripped by election fever, Najib quipped that he wanted to seek an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong tomorrow. Najib added that tonight's gathering was proof of the increasing support of the Malays for Umno and BN.

"On this fateful and historic night, let this stadium be the witness to our gathering of the high-spirited and confident Malays. Who said the support of the Malays for Umno has dwindled.

"Today, we bear witness to the increasing support. I want to know, if the constitutional rights of the Malays and Islam are threatened, institution of the state undermined...who comes forward to defend if not Umno," he said.

The prime minister further urged the people to preserve the harmony in the country and not to allow it to be destroyed.

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