

**Najib Not Surprised PKR-led Selangor Government Ignored Sultan
Bernama
September 01, 2012**

PETALING JAYA, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today the PKR-led Selangor government's failure to invite the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, to the state-level Merdeka Eve celebration did not come as a surprise.

He said the state leadership seemed to have greater respect for Opposition Leader and State Economic Advisor Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim who was invited as the guest of honour to the function at Dataran Kemerdekaan, Shah Alam, on Thursday night, despite having no 'locus standi'.

"How can Anwar be accorded a status higher than the sultan? The sultan, who is the symbol of the state, is not even respected," he said at the Selangor Barisan Nasional (BN) Aidilfitri 'open house' at the Rubber Research Institute (RRI) in Sungai Buloh, near here.

Najib said the opposition had other strange agendas they wished to carry out, such as changing the Malaysian flag and stating that their manifesto was not a commitment which needed to be fulfilled.

"At present, many Selangor residents are disappointed because they have not received free water as promised in the manifesto of the opposition pact. Promises need not be fulfilled, the people can be duped, it's okay as long as the votes come in. Where's the dignity in such leaders?" he asked.

As their rights were not respected, the prime minister said, the people need not support the opposition in the next general election.

On the other hand, he said, over the past three years, the federal government had been fulfilling the various promises made by the Barisan Nasional (BN).

In fact, he said, the federal government had even implemented initiatives which were not contained in the BN manifesto, such as the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) and 1Malaysia Book Vouchers (BB1M).

Najib advised Malaysians to always respect and defend the nation's priceless independence.

He said: "History shows that independence knocks only once. The previous generations made sacrifices and managed to obtain it."

"The present generation, who are the second and third generations, must make sacrifices and defend it in order to give meaning to that independence."

Najib urged leaders and members of BN parties to continue the struggle until the 13th General Election.

"Don't feel tired, don't be disappointed, carry on until the signal is given.

"We'll march forward and not look back. BN will be victorious in the next general election," he said.

The RRI Square was packed with people who came to celebrate Aidilfitri with the prime minister, his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and Selangor BN leaders.

-- BERNAMA

Copyright © 2012 BERNAMA

Source: <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v6/newsindex.php?id=691291>