

**13th General Election Determines Survival Of Malays - Najib
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PEKAN, Sept 15 (Bernama) -- The 13th General Election is not an ordinary election. Instead, it will determine the survival of the Malays, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Umno president said the Malays should realise that as the backbone of the Barisan Nasional (BN), Umno would be able to continue the struggle of the Malays and Islam.

"The opposition is fragile, they do not have the same ideology. In Barisan Nasional, Umno is the backbone. In the opposition, who is the backbone? Is it PAS, DAP or PKR?"

"PKR is weak, if they come together, DAP boasts more seats. Can the Malays rely on DAP?"

"DAP has never been happy with the position of the Malays and Muslims. Look at Perak's experience," he added. "Their (DAP's) sentiments are not like ours. This is not about winning or losing, this is the question of the survival of the Malays."

"If you want to maintain the backbone of the government, make sure Umno wins," he said when closing the Pekan Umno division delegates' meeting here.

Najib, who is also Pekan Umno division chief, said the Malays and Umno members should unite in confronting challenges in the general election.

If the current government was replaced, the Malays would find themselves in a difficult position, he added.

Najib said hence, Umno members must strengthen unity and avoid breaking up, let alone after candidates for the general election were announced.

Umno members must not allow themselves to be split into factions, what more after the candidates are announced, he said, adding that the party's struggle was more important than individual pursuit.

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