

**Federal Government Understands Sarawak's Aspiration, Interests, Sensitives, Says Najib**  
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SIBU, Sept 15 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said tonight the federal government understands the need to appreciate Sarawak's aspiration, interests and sensitives by working together as 'one Malaysia and one family'.

The prime minister said he was pleased with the support received from Sarawak chief minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud and the state government within the framework of the constitution.

"We understand each other and we understand that we need to appreciate Sarawak's aspiration, interests and sensitivities and at same time the Sarawak people understand that by being part of a bigger family and by being part of Malaysia you stand to gain much more than ever before," he said when attending a dinner with leaders of the Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties, tuai rumah and Sibui, Lanang and Sarikei community leaders here.

"This is what we want as a nation. Let us work together as one Malaysia and one family," he said, adding that the BN government had proven to the people of Sarawak that it cared for them.

He said the 342 additional federal projects worth RM2.32 billion that had been approved for Sarawak since he took over the premiership was indicative of the sincerity that it had, which was also very important in judging the politicians, such as by their deeds and action.

Najib said under the BN leadership, the people were not only able to maintain what they had but, in fact, things, in the context of socio-economic achievements, were also getting better in Malaysia as it was important that the government was able to deliver what was promised.

"That is the key with respect to BN and I can categorically say on behalf of BN and the chief minister as state leader that we will continue to deliver for the people of Sarawak and that was why the theme "Janji Ditepati" was chosen (for this year's 55th Independence Day celebration)," he said, adding that it had made certain people from the opposition to "jump up and down."

Citing the frustration and unhappiness of the people in Selangor over the opposition's broken promises in the last general election, he said, the BN was so much better in its track record despite one or two delayed projects.

He said the future of Malaysia could not be tested as something as uncertain as what had been done by the opposition, whose biggest mistake made to the people was its broken promise to form the federal government on Sept 16, 2008.

Despite some strong headwinds faced by the BN, he said, the country was doing better, achieving 5.4 percent economic growth in the second quarter of this year on the back of 4.9 percent in the first quarter.

Pointing out that Malaysians were making remarkable achievements globally, the prime minister said, British Prince William had remarked on his recent trip to the country that the largest property - a bio gas power plant - to be developed in the United Kingdom in the coming years would be done by a Malaysian company.

The plant is owned jointly by SP Setia, Sime Darby Bhd and Employees Provident Fund.

He said this year alone, Malaysia had established itself as the third largest IPO centre in the world after the United States and China while the second largest IPO was issued by the Felda Global Ventures.

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