

**Federal Government Has Big Plans For Sabah If BN Given Mandate Again - Najib
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KUNDASANG, Oct 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Federal government has major plans for the people of Sabah if Barisan Nasional (BN) was given the mandate once again.

If given BN is given the mandate in the coming General Election (GE), the Federal and state government will work even harder to develop Sabah which has a vast potential.

"I am happy to see the reception and support from the people of Sabah towards Barisan Nasional," he said in his speech during a walkabout session in Kundasang town here.

Najib was accompanied by Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman, Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan and state Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister Datuk Masidi Manjun.

The Prime Minister who is also the BN chairman urged the people of Sabah to continue their support for BN to ensure continuity in the development of Sabah.

In the last election (2008), BN Sabah almost made a clean sweep of all the 25 Parliament and 60 state assembly seats.

The only seats that fell to the opposition, namely DAP, were the Kota Kinabalu Parliamentary seat and Sri Tanjung (Tawau) state assembly seat.

Speaking of his visit to Kundasang, Najib described the serenity of Kundasang, situated at the foot of Mount Kinabalu, as God's blessing and gift to nature and environment.

"Kundasang is a blessed place and a gift from nature. Plant any type of crop and it grows well. There is a delectable and refreshing choice of fresh greens and exotic fruits which grow here and farmers can earn a good income if they put in extra effort," he said.

People from all walks of life from Kundasang and its surrounding areas like Ranau, made a bee-line to meet the Prime Minister in person, clamouring over each other to shake his hands.

Wasli Kandung, 74, a farmer from Kampong Cinta Mata said he was happy to have met a leader whom he had adored.

"I have never met a Prime Minister in person all these years. I have only seen them on television. All our Prime Minister's were good but Najib is special because he likes to go down and help the people, not just make empty promises," he said.

"I hope he will continue to rule the country until he is 70."

Sagin Belinsai, 72, from Kampong Kouluan near here said he got up at 5.30am to make sure he would not miss an opportunity to see the Prime Minister in person.

Malaysia is fortunate to have a Prime Minister who has the peoples' welfare and interest at heart and who always went down to the ground to meet the people, said Sagin.

Meanwhile, at 7am this morning, Najib was at the Mount Kinabalu Park here to flag off participants of the 26th Mount Kinabalu International Climbathon.

About 700 participants from 28 countries took part in the climbathon that featured the men's and women's open category plus the men's and women's veteran categories.

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