

**People Should Appreciate Leaders Who Are Trustworthy, Keep Promises - Najib
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SUNGAI PETANI, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the people should appreciate leaders who are trustworthy of the responsibilities given to them and who always keep their promises.

He said leaders who never betrayed the trust given to them must be supported by the people for the well-being of the country.

"We have never lied, we speak the truth, so it should be understood that what we we do is prescribed by the religion and in accordance with the hadith (sayings, acts or tacit approval/disapproval) of the Prophet.

"This is the trust that we shoulder. We have not betrayed it and we have fulfilled every promise made to the people."

Naib said this in his speech at a gathering of Kedah farmers, livestock breeders and fishermen at Pantai Merdeka, here, Wednesday. About 15,000 people attended the event organised by the Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry.

Also present were its minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar and his deputy Datuk Johari Baharom, International Trade and Industry Deputy Minister Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir and Kedah Umno liaison chief Datuk Ahmad Bashah.

Najib also said that running a government was no easy task and "one cannot simply follow one heart's or (say things) just to please the ears of voters".

"That is why as an increasingly successful government, there must be clear plans and earnest endeavour to bring about major change. To be a developed nation, we need balanced development and we must not sideline any group.

"If we hear that the opposition wants to abolish (PTPTN) loans and toll, to raise the minimum wage, reduce the price of oil...all these can cause government revenue to drop drastically and our economy to collapse.

"In Islam, you must settle your debts before you die but if you couldn't do that, your next-of-kin will have to settle it. Unpaid debts before death will bear heavy on our soul...we'll be punished (in the hereafter).

"But the opposition can simply ask for the (PTPTN) loans to be abolished. This is not Islamic teaching," Najib said.

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