

Najib: Malays had enough of DAP
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 21 — Datuk Seri Najib Razak said today that the Malay community has grown tired of the DAP, adding a challenge to the party to prove otherwise by contesting in Malay-majority areas.

The Prime Minister said he agreed with MCA that DAP leaders have only been consistent in preaching multiracialism, but have never shown this to be true.

“Is DAP multiracial? I agree with the MCA president — if they are really multiracial, I dare them to stand in a Malay constituency.

“I dare them... You know, the Malays have had enough of the DAP. Enough. All rubbish,” he said in his speech at the launch of MCA’s 59th annual general meeting (AGM) here.

To expound on his point, Najib made special mention to Tunku Abdul Aziz, a key Malay leader who recently left the DAP, after falling out with the party leadership over his views on the Bersih 3.0 rally earlier this year.

“Are they (DAP) more democratic than us? If you want to know, ask Tunku Aziz,” Najib said in his speech, earning cheers from the crowd of MCA delegates.

The country’s top leader reminded party leaders that Malaysia was built on the principles and spirit of the Federal Constitution, which he said outlines a space for all races in the country.

He said that while affirmative action for the Bumiputera community was still needed, the non-Bumiputeras must similarly be accorded fair treatment through sound and inclusive policies.

“You must be fair to the Malaysian Chinese... I understand. This is why I came up with the 1 Malaysia platform... we must be inclusive.

“We must help all Malaysians as much as we can... all races, all communities, big or small... even the 5,000 Kelabits in Sarawak are also Malaysians and must be helped,” he said.

Najib is poised to lead the BN coalition into its most crucial polls to date where the ruling pact will not only be faced with a more discerning electorate but also its foes in Pakatan Rakyat (PR), considered its strongest opposition yet in the country’s political history.

Before the latest defections of two Sabah MPs, BN controlled 22 out of the 25 federal seats in Sabah and one in the Federal Territory of Labuan. In Election 2008, BN lost its customary two-third parliamentary majority largely due to significant losses in the peninsula, where it won just 85 seats while the opposition swept 80 seats.

BN's saving grace was in Sabah, Sarawak and Labuan where the pact trounced the opposition and made a near-clean sweep, winning 55 parliamentary seats to the opposition's two.

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