

Choose Barisan with good track record or fragmented Opposition, says Najib
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SANDAKAN: The choice for Malaysians in the coming general election boils down to the ruling Barisan Nasional coalition with a proven track record or a "fundamentally flawed" Opposition, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said Barisan had proven itself in governing the country and this could be seen with Malaysia being one of the few nations recording economic growth this year amid the European financial turmoil, American political uncertainties and unrest in the Middle East.

"We have achieved all these because we do not make empty promises. We deliver what we have pledged," said Najib when opening the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) congress here.

Earlier, when launching a RM5mil mosque project at Batu Sapi, about 8km from here, Najib said voters must look beyond Barisan's individual candidates in the coming general election.

Stating that the elections were not about any particular person but determining the nation's future, Najib said what was imperative for the country was to elect strong governments at the federal and state levels.

He said that on the other hand, Malaysians must not risk the nation's future by backing the Opposition that could not even agree on a common platform including a manifesto, a symbol or even establishing a shadow Cabinet.

Najib said the Opposition was so fragmented that they could not even agree as to who among them should become prime minister, with both PKR adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang wanting the job.

"The question remains. Who is really in charge in the Opposition? They can't even agree on the basics such as a common ideology," Najib said.

He said Malaysians should not be taken in by opposition leaders whom he likened to being little more than street medicine sellers touting their wares as a cure for all ailments.

"Don't get taken in by their performances and buy their so-called medicine which could leave you worse off," Najib added.

Taking a swipe at Anwar, he said the PKR adviser had not done much for Sabah when he held the agriculture, education and finance portfolios and even as Deputy Prime Minister.

"A Greek philosopher once said that the measure of any man is what he does with his power and we have seen what kind of track record he has," said Najib.

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