

Najib: Retain current govt to ensure better future

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TRUST REQUIRED: Opposition knows only how to make pledges but cannot fulfil them, says PM

PEKAN: DATUK Seri Najib Razak yesterday reminded the people that replacing the present government with a new one would not necessarily bring better changes.

He said the people should instead retain the current government, which could ensure a better future and continue the development at the national, state and district levels.

The prime minister said the people should not put their trust in those who portrayed themselves as a better alternative to the present government, which had successfully led and developed the country for more than 55 years.

"We can't simply change the government just because the time has come for us to do so.

"Such an action may bring uncertainty and a bleak future for us," he said at his open house in Taman Tasik Sultan Abu Bakar here.

About 70,000 people, including those from outside the Pekan constituency, attended the function hosted by Najib and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Najib said the opposition only knew how to make pledges but could not fulfil them, as what could be seen in the states under their rule.

On the other hand, he said the Barisan Nasional government did not make empty promises and had fulfilled all its pledges, including assisting the people through 1Malaysia People's Assistance (BR1M) and subsidies for essential items such as fuel, cooking oil, flour and rice.

Najib, who is also Pekan member of parliament, said it was also important for the people to choose a government which could generate wealth as it could ensure that various aids could be given to them in future.

"If the government doesn't know how to create new wealth, the country will face problems like what has happened in the developed countries in Europe.

"Some of them also have high unemployment rates," said Najib, who also expressed his gratitude for the support given by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He said the strong support he received from the former prime ministers showed that they were confident that the present government would ensure the continuity of policies and development process that had been introduced by the past leaders.

"One of the reasons for our success is that our leaders believe in continuity and will always improve what had been introduced and implemented by the previous leaders.

"That is why we are on the right track to achieve developed-nation status in 2020."

Najib said Malaysia was also respected by other Muslim countries, with many of them having emulated the government's success in developing the country.

Among those present at the open house were Tengku Puan of Pahang Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

Visitors were entertained with cultural and contemporary performances by local artistes and comedians at the function.

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