

**Najib Hopes People Give Opportunity To Continue The Reform Agenda**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 20 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak hopes that Malaysians will give the Barisan Nasional (BN) government the opportunity to continue its reform agenda with an electoral system that is stronger than ever and a personal commitment from the prospective Members of Parliament.

The prime minister said the nominees from BN and its component parties had gone through a Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) screening process to ensure they met the high standards of integrity expected by the Malaysian public.

"Responsibility for fulfilling the pledge lies with its signatories, and it is a responsibility that I and my colleagues in BN take seriously. But it also places a duty on all Malaysians to hold their politicians to account," he said in the latest entry posted on his 1Malaysia.com.my blog.

Earlier today, Najib signed the Transparency International's Election Integrity Pledge, making a public declaration to uphold integrity and reinforcing his commitment to the nation's agenda in fighting corruption especially in the upcoming 13th general election.

Transparency International's Election Integrity Pledge is a voluntary social contract where candidates who will be standing for the general election, pledge to promote integrity, good governance, transparency and accountability in government and to uphold the rule of law.

The candidates who signed the pledge agree to adhere to Election Offences Act 1954 and its regulations; and ensure that their actions and decisions are for the benefit of the general public and not self-serving.

Najib said the government was unwavering in its commitment to free and fair elections and recent reforms by the Election Commission, such as the introduction of indelible ink and postal voting, underline its belief in democratic principles.

"Today, we are making a further commitment to put those principles into practice by agreeing to internationally recognised standards of electoral transparency and fairness.

"I am proud to sign Transparency International's Election Integrity pledge - and once BN's general election nominees are announced, I will ensure that all of our candidates honour this agreement too," he said.

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