

**Rakyat's Trustworthiness An Important Element In GE13, Says Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said 'trustworthiness' is an important element that must be evaluated by the voters in deciding to choose a government that can serve them in the coming general election.

Najib, who is also the Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, said that based on the track record, the people must gauge whether the BN or the opposition could be trusted to lead the country subsequently.

"One word that is most meaningful in the general election this time is 'trustworthiness'. Whether the voters have the trust in the BN or in the opposition.

"The core question in the 13th general election (GE13) is whether the people have the trustworthiness in (opposition leader Datuk Seri) Anwar Ibrahim, (PAS president Datuk Seri) Haji (Abdul) Hadi (Awang) or in all humbleness, to me as the leader of the government," he said when launching the BN Manifesto here, Saturday night.

Addressing more than 50,000 supporters at the Stadium Putra Bukit Jalil, Najib said if the people gave their trust to his leadership, they must also support his team in the BN.

"In all humbleness, if the reply by the people of Malaysia is (trust) Najib, then support and vote for the Barisan Nasional.

"I cannot do this thing alone, I need my team and my team will be contesting, this is the team that we must support strongly," he said to loud applause from the crowd.

Najib will be leading the BN machinery for the first time in the GE13 after assuming the top government leadership from Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on April 3, 2009.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who is the Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) advisor, and PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang have been touted as the possible candidates for the post of prime minister if the opposition were to take over Putrajaya.

Confident of the BN's ability to win over the hearts of the voters, Najib pointed out that the BN-led government had done a lot for the people compared to the opposition which only knew how to make promises. This included Anwar who liked to brag about his experience in the government, but actually did not do anything for the benefit of the rakyat and country.

"The question is not his tenure in the government that should be taken into consideration, but what he had done while he was in the government. When the financial crisis cropped up, what did he do? He just wanted to leave it to the IMF. If that's the case, it's so easy, you all can become the finance minister too," he said with cynicism.

Thus Najib issued several reminders to the voters why the BN should be their choice in the GE13.

He said that every vote for the BN was a vote for stability and economic prosperity, the people's actual hope and a vote for unity of the Malaysian race.

On the other hand, one vote for the opposition meant one vote for an uncertain future, a

dark future full of deceit and a vote for a manifesto of fantasy and imagination.

Najib subsequently gave his pledge to the rakyat and apologised for any shortcoming on the part of his administration all this while and promised to improve them for a better future for the nation.

Based on the spirit of 'Promises Fulfilled', Najib said the BN was also determined to ensure that the future of the rakyat was given priority, that the nation's sovereignty and security would be preserved if the coalition was still given the mandate as the government.

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