

Najib's peace pledge commendable, Kit Siang says
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 3 — Lim Kit Siang sang praises today for Datuk Seri Najib Razak's promise to ensure a peaceful transition of power should the federal or any state government switch hands after Election 2013.

The DAP veteran, in turn, offered Pakatan Rakyat's (PR) commitment to respect the decision of the polls, regardless whether the fledgling opposition pact loses its bid to topple Barisan Nasional (BN) from Putrajaya.

"Najib commitment 2 "respect democracy" n "2 respect the voice of the rakyat" deserve commendation — something I asked him many times to do," Lim (picture) wrote on microblogging site Twitter this afternoon, shortly after the Dewan Rakyat was dissolved.

"Pakatan Rakyat makes similar commitment to respect the voice of ppl in 13GE n peaceful transition of power, whether Putrajaya or State," he tweeted.

The DAP adviser, however, added that if Najib's pledge is sincere, two other pertinent issues should follow — that no one should raise the spectre of the May 13 racial riots or employ the politics of fear in relation to riots or mayhem while on the campaign trail.

In his televised address to announce Parliament's dissolution this morning, Najib promised that there will be a peaceful transition of power should there be a change in the federal government after the 13th general election.

"We respect democracy, we are committed to our political transformation, we are committed to respect the voice of the rakyat," the country's sixth prime minister stressed towards the end of his 15-minute speech in announcing the dissolution.

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