

**BN Has Ensured Peace & Harmony For The Last 55 Years - Najib
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PORT KLANG, April 20 (Bernama) -- There is no need to change the time-tested Barisan Nasional (BN) government which over the last 55 years has preserved to bring about peace and harmony to Malaysia despite immense challenges both domestic and foreign.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the country under the BN government had faced numerous challenges in the past such as fighting communism and dealing with the Confrontation, but has prevailed in overcoming them and in the process, ensuring peace, harmony and stability.

"Last month, we faced the terrorists who landed in Lahad Datu and we fought them to ensure peace returned to Sabah.

"This is the kind of government we want, the government that is willing and able to ensure peace and harmony in the country," he said when addressing more than 60,000 people at a meet-the-people session at the compound of the Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ), at Westport, here, Saturday night.

Against such a backdrop, the prime minister questioned the motive of certain quarters who insist on bringing about change to the country when the current government was able to bring real change politically, economically and socially.

He said that there were "certain politicians talking about change," but he asked, "what is there to change."

"You want to change peace and harmony in the country with conflict and violence? Is that what you want?," he asked.

In seeking a new mandate, the prime minister said that he has pledged to preserve peace and harmony in the country.

Najib said, if changes were what the rakyat was looking for, the government was already doing so through the various transformation programmes such as the Economic Transformation Programme and the Government Transformation Programme.

Emphasising that the transformation programmes aimed at bringing about changes were unlike the Arab Spring which had gone astray, Najib said the transformation brought about by the government were well-designed and well-planned systematically to bring about orderly changes.

"If you try to bring drastic and radical changes overnight, you may not see the results you are looking for," he said.

In his address, Najib told the Chinese community that the government had done much especially in the field of education.

Besides allowing the building of Sekolah Menengah Chong Hwa Kuantan, he said the government has relocated 71 Chinese schools to new sites.

The government would also continue to allocate RM100 million yearly for Chinese schools.

"The government is currently discussing with Chinese academic organisation, Dong Zhong on the Unified Examination Certificate (UEC)," he said.

Najib said with the various changes being implemented by the BN government, it now up to the rakyat to make their choice of leaders they trust to lead the country in the May 5 General Election.

Earlier, in sharing what transpired during his conversation he had with his son Mohd Ashman while on the way to the function, Najib said he was impressed with the word 'country' in Chinese 'guo jia," which indicates boundary, land, population and spears.

"What is interesting is that the Chinese believe that to protect the family we must have a strong nation.

"With a strong nation, only then can we ensure peace and harmony," he said which was greeted by applause from the people.

The dinner was also attended by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek, his deputy Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai and renowned international actress Datuk Seri Michele Yeoh.

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