

No reason for regime change, Najib tells youth
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 — Youth have no reason to desire a change in government since the Barisan Nasional (BN) government has served them well, Datuk Seri Najib Razak said today.

The interim prime minister warned youth from attempting to overthrow the current government, in his speech while launching a youth initiative called Suara Generasiku (Voice of My Generation).

“There is no reason for Malaysian youth to have street demonstrations, there is no reason for the youth to demand change by overthrowing the current government,” Najib told the packed Sri Putra Hall in the Bukit Jalil National Sports Complex here.

“Why? Because we have given the opportunity and space for youth ... Believe me, this government is also for the youth.”

Najib was earlier greeted with deafening screams from the crowd, many holding “I love PM” signs, as he took to the stage.

He cited the amendments to the University and University College Act (AUKU), delivering 3.3 million job opportunities and the many handouts targeted at youth as proof that the BN government has served the demography well.

“As the head of the government, I pledge that the hopes and promises for the youth will be fulfilled by the government, should we receive a new mandate from the public soon,” Najib said.

The race for youth and middle ground votes is expected to be neck-to-neck between the ruling BN and the federal opposition as over 80 per cent of Malaysia’s 29 million population are 45 years and below while at least half are aged below 25 years.

Najib has been readying his troops in BN since the Umno general assembly last November, as he sent out a clear message to party members to tackle these key demographics to secure their hold over Putrajaya.

Last week, he handed out 1 Malaysia motorcycle helmets to his Selangor team as he moved in on the state’s youth vote, hoping to attract the key voter demographic to help lead BN to a successful conquest of the country’s richest state.

Najib, the Selangor BN election coordinator, told a hall packed with blue-clad youth: “The youth will determine our election.”

The latest number of voters has surged to 13.3 million people, setting a new record high since independence. There are 3.9 million new voters, accounting for 23 per cent of total voters.

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