

**Choose Party That Can Form Strong Government, Bring Success To Nation - Najib Bernama  
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SHAH ALAM, April 22 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said voters needed to choose a political party that could form a strong government and bring success to the nation.

The prime minister said for that to happen, the people must return to the main objective of a general election - to establish a strong government.

"If we follow our feelings, we will be focusing on individual candidates, hence we have diverted from the main objective, which involves the question of the future of our nation and our children.

"We cannot deviate from the reality that we need a strong government at the federal and state levels, and which is capable of making all our national policies, vision and transformation policies, including our pledges, a success."

Najib, who is also Selangor general election director, said this at a news conference after visiting the Selayang, Gombak and Shah Alam parliamentary constituencies since early morning. Monday night, he visited the Subang constituency.

He said what was important was for the party's election machinery to march towards success while the question of candidates should not arise anymore as the decisions had been made by the party's top leadership.

"We have given the guidelines, so the election machinery must work with full spirit and energy, and I believe they are, as the situation and sentiments on the ground seem to increasingly favour BN.

"They (residents in Selangor) have lost trust in and are disappointed with the Pakatan Rakyat state government. They now wish to return to BN," he said.

On the state's administration, Najib said the BN-led federal government on one side and the Selangor Pakatan Rakyat government on the other, did not create a situation for smooth administration.

"The power of the state government often clashed with the federal government's interests, including over the water issue and approval for valid development projects. Hence, there needs to be coordination between the federal and state governments," he said.

On his visit to Selangor on Monday, he said the overall situation was good in terms of the election machinery and voter reception.

On the move by former Selangor menteri besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhd Taib of joining PAS, Najib said it was a non-issue as it was expected.

Muhammad reportedly handed over a PAS membership form to join the party to its president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, in Kuala Lumpur, Monday.

On claims that independent candidates would be using BN's name when campaigning, the

BN chairman said what was most important was the party and not the individuals or candidates.

"Experience have shown us that even well-known names contesting as independents have always not succeeded at the polls," he said.

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