

PM Gives Assurance To Resolve Problems In Selangor If Given Mandate
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SHAH ALAM, April 22 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Monday gave an assurance to resolve the various problems in Selangor and ensure that the state continues to be the pulse in nation building.

The prime minister said the key failure of the opposition pact (PR) in the past five years was in not finding the best solution to the water problem which had caused suffering to the people and impacted on development in Selangor and the Federal Territory.

"In the water issue, we see that they should have focused on a solution but they wanted to take over Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor (SYABAS). They prioritised taking over the company. They did not place importance on how to resolve the water problem for the people of Selangor and the Federal Territory.

"This caused their focus to stray. This is not correct. This is an example of their failure, the priority is not right. They lost focus and they are not qualified (to rule). The qualified party should be given support.

I give an assurance as Selangor BN chairman that our first priority is to ensure continuous water supply for the people's needs and development of Selangor," he said in a meeting with the people in Taman Sri Muda in Shah Alam.

Najib said the failure to resolve the water issue, which contributed 60 per cent of the nation's gross domestic product (GDP), would continue to hinder the country's development as a whole.

As such, he urged the people in Selangor to return the mandate to the BN to ensure that the development and success in the past would resume.

He said the weakness and lack of understanding in Pakatan Rakyat (PR) could be seen in the parties within the PR contesting against each other in the general election.

"The PR government cannot agree because they are fielding inter-party candidates in seven seats nationwide. This clearly shows that their pact is brittle and may crack, waiting to split, because they are not united and together," he said.

He said that he was happy that the support of the people of Selangor for the BN had increased.

"I'm proud and I see that the sentiment of the Selangor folk is clearly directed at supporting the BN. I'm confident and believe that the people, especially those in Selangor, can assess that so that their future will be better.

Najib, who is also BN chairman, again reminded the BN leaders and members to forget about the selection of candidates and focus on victory for the BN candidates.

"It's not easy to choose the candidates, more difficult than choosing sons- and daughters-in-law. But we have done our best. I hope you all will set aside whatever feelings.

"Don't dwell on becoming candidates. The world is not that bleak if you cannot become candidates. There's still tomorrow for everyone," he said.

Najib later performed the Asar prayers with the locals at the Al-Falah Mosque and was joined by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, and children, Ashman and Nooryana Najwa, for tea with the constituents at Plaza Sri Muda.

Present were Selangor BN deputy chairman Datuk Seri Noh Omar and the BN candidates for the Kota Raja parliamentary seat (Datuk S. Murugesan) and Sri Muda and Seri Andalas state seats, Mohd Abdul Raof Mokhtar and T Mohan respectively.

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