

Najib Dismisses Opposition's 'Ubah' Slogan As Gimmick To Draw Attention
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SARATOK (Sarawak), April 27 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today dismissed the Opposition's 'Ubah' (Change) slogan as a mere gimmick to draw attention, and advised the people against being influenced by it.

The prime minister said the supposed nectar behind the slogan was actually venom, which had been experienced by the people in the four states governed by the Opposition. Kelantan, Kedah, Penang and Selangor are administered by the opposition pact.

"Some of us in the four states administered by the Opposition have fallen for the 'Ubah' slogan, but today the people there are disappointed because their chosen governments are unable to deliver on their promises.

"Therefore, I wish to remind the people against falling for the slogan because they have done nothing after having been given the mandate to run these state governments, he said when addressing the people in Dataran Krian, here.

Also present were Sarawak Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu and the Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate for the Saratok parliamentary seat, Sarawak Social Development Minister Tan Sri William Mawan Ikom.

Najib said the disappointment of the people in Selangor should be taken as a lesson by the people, especially in Sarawak, so as not to elect candidates from the PKR.

The BN chairman said that unlike the BN, which had a plan and a road map for the states and the country, PKR had failed to meet the aspirations of the people.

"PKR cannot provide for the future of the people here. Believe me, they have failed in Selangor. They will surely fail in Sarawak," he said.

Najib advised the people to make a wise decision, saying an electoral fight could not be looked at from the point of any individual but should encompass capability and trust to take care of the people and their future.

The prime minister said the choice of the Sarawak people on polling day on May 5 was significant to ensure a strong BN government at the federal level.

He said the people must realise that a weak federal government would be under pressure from the Opposition and those outside the government and would be unable to carry on with the development programmes.

As such, he urged the voters of Saratok to elect Mawan as their MP, saying that his close relationship with Mawan would facilitate development in the constituency.

"The BN candidate fielded here has access to me as the BN chairman. Therefore, it will be easy for the people of Saratok to receive my attention," he said.

Earlier, Najib said that an RM8.8-million allocation to overcome water supply problems had been included in the budget announced in the BN manifesto.

In the general election, Mawan will face Ali anak Biju of PKR and Independent candidate Rosli Lek alias Abang Roselie Abang Paleng.

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