

**Bangladesh, Sri Lanka Leaders: BN's Victory Shows People's Confidence In Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 10 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional's (BN) victory in the Sunday's 13th General Election (GE13) reflected the people's confidence and trust in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his continuing leadership of BN, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said.

In congratulating Najib and BN on the victory, she wished him "good health, long life and happiness and peace and prosperity for the Barisan Nasional as well as brotherly people of Malaysia."

She said this in a message on May 6 which was made available to Bernama by the Bangladesh High Commission here Friday.

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan President, Mahinda Rajapaksa, said that Najib's re-appointment as the Prime Minister was a testament to the confidence placed on him by the Malaysian people to his leadership and ability to lead the country towards further progress.

In his congratulatory message to Najib on May 7, which was made available to Bernama by the Sri Lankan High Commission, the president also noted that Sri Lanka and Malaysia shared a robust partnership, based on common affinities and mutual respect that continued to flourish.

"I am of strong conviction that the friendly relations which exist between our two countries will further strengthen and expand into new areas of cooperation during Your Excellency's tenure of office," said the president who also telephoned Najib to congratulate him.

Uzbekistan's ambassador to Malaysia Shukur Sabitov, meanwhile, said that the BN's victory demonstrated Malaysia's progress in strengthening its democratic institutions.

He said that the victory, had created "reliable conditions" for Najib and his team to continue the implementation of planned reforms (Government Transformation Programme and Economic Transformation Programme) in order to achieve Malaysia's goal to become a high-income nation by 2020.

"Therefore, there is no doubt that in the coming years, Malaysia will gain new achievements in economic development, attracting foreign investment, improving the welfare of the people and strengthening national unity," Sabitov said in a statement to Bernama congratulating Najib and the BN for the victory.

Barisan Nasional won 133 out of 222 parliamentary seats in the hard-fought election on May 5,, defeating a strong challenge from the opposition's people's coalition (PR), to form the federal government.

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