

Malaysians Should Be Grateful, Says Indonesia-Malaysia Analyst
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 1 (Bernama) -- Malaysians should be grateful for being the citizens of a progressive, peaceful and harmonious country which is well administered by the Barisan Nasional (BN) government, said Indonesia-Malaysia bilateral relations analyst Noor Shamsuddin Haesy.

He felt that it was totally unnecessary for the estimated 13 million voters to change the government on May 5 as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was viewed in the region and globally as a proactive and caring leader who had his feet firmly on the ground and capable of propelling Malaysia towards Vision 2020.

"Malaysians don't need to change the government in this general election.

In my observation of the region BN is a political party which is capable of fulfilling the people's aspirations in a careful and efficient way benefiting everyone," he said in an exclusive interview with Bernama here recently.

Shamsuddin said he has been closely observing Malaysia's political developments for the past two decades and noted that all its prime ministers have been blessed with a clear vision to develop the country in the right direction.

"Malaysia has pragmatic policies which prioritises its people and Najib has achieved a great deal to transform it from the socio-economic, cultural, political, defence and religious aspects," he said.

According to Noor Shamsuddin changing a good government, which was also the best one right now, would be akin to walking from the light into darkness because Vision 2020 and 1Malaysia Transformation were the brightest path for the people now.

He added that he prayed for Malaysians not to fall into the 'fantasy trap' of the political parties which had failed to deliver on their promises in the states they ruled.

If Malaysians made the wrong choice based on this fantasy trap it could result in prolonged chaos and suffering similar to what had occurred in the Arab Springs.

Recalling a recent issue after nominations, he said the other political party leaders, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Datuk Abdul Hadi Awang and Lim Kit Siang were still fighting among themselves over overlapping candidates and implementation of Hudud law by PAS.

"Anwar, Kit Siang and Hadi have their own hidden agendas. The people will be the ultimate losers if they allow themselves to be caught in between," he said.

Commenting on the importance of maintaining Malaysia's status as a progressive and peaceful country in the region he said many neighbouring citizens came here to make a living.

"Malaysia and Indonesia have strong ties and we in Indonesia wish to see Malaysia always remain as a peaceful nation.

"Furthermore, Malaysia and Indonesia are pillars in ASEAN and our close ties strengthen the association with Malaysia's moderate policies," he said.

He believed that Malaysians, particularly the educated younger generations and matured generations who had enjoyed various benefits, would make the right choice by maintaining BN for the well-being of all.

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