

**Pakatan Coalition Desperate, Using Dirty Tactics - Najib  
Bernama  
3 May, 2013**

KUALA LUMPUR, May 3 (Bernama) -- As realisation dawns on the Pakatan coalition that its hopes of winning the coming general election appear bleak, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said it was now desperate and resorted to dirty tactics to achieve its aim.

He said the coalition had intentionally created a situation of fear among the public to prevent the people from going out to cast their votes on Sunday.

"This is because they know, if many voters do not go out to vote, it will adversely affect Barisan Nasional's (BN) chances because normally, if the voter turn-out is high, it will be in favour of BN," he said on TV3's 2013 Mandate programme Friday night.

The prime minister was interviewed by Media Prima News and Editorial Operations executive director Datuk Ahmad A. Talib in the hour-long programme.

Najib, who is also BN chairman, said the Pakatan coalition had also hoodwinked and exploited the international community into making them sceptical of the election process in Malaysia.

"If they (Pakatan) lose, they have mind-conditioned the people, and via the international media, that there is fraud and they want to discredit the election process in Malaysia, and also the results.

"They want to deny us the victory," he added.

Najib said he received information of party workers in the Pakatan coalition being trained to create disorder.

As such, he advised the people not to be afraid, especially to go out to exercise their right as voters, because the Election Commission and the police had taken the necessary measures to prevent quarters from intentionally creating nuisance or any disturbance on polling day.

Najib refuted allegations by the Pakatan coalition that BN was planning to exploit the May 13, 1969 incident, and also distributed messages aimed at instilling hatred among the people for BN.

"We are not idiots. Why should we send messages which are self-destructive?," he asked.

The Pakatan coalition, he said, was also trying to undermine the Election Commission's (EC) credibility and transparency in conducting the election, despite the various reforms, including 15 suggestions from the Pakatan coalition, to improve the election system in the country.

On a claim by a security member who cast his vote on April 30, that the ink mark on his finger disappeared, Najib said it was an isolated case and was blown out of proportion to make it appear like a BN plot to cheat.

The EC had clarified the matter and said it was a technical mistake because the bottle

containing the ink was not properly shaken before use.

On a claim by the Pakatan coalition that BN had chartered flights to bring phantom voters from Sabah and Sarawak to the peninsula, Najib said it was just another of its political gimmick.

He said the question of the people in Sabah/Sarawak returning to the peninsula to vote should not arise as it was their right as voters.

"There are people from the peninsula who work in Sabah and Sarawak and also people from Sabah and Sarawak who are working in the peninsula.

"Come polling day, they want to go back to their hometown to vote, to exercise their rights as voters, as provided for in the constitution. Is that an offence?," he asked.

Referring to the Pakatan's criticism against international actress Datuk Seri Michelle Yeoh for supporting his leadership, Najib said the coalition was not as democratic as it claimed to be.

--BERNAMA

Copyright © 2013 BERNAMA

Source: <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v7/newsindex.php?id=947283>