

**BN Government Doesn't Collapse Despite Chinese Supporting Opposition - PM
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 7 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) government has not collapsed simply because most of the Chinese voted for Pakatan Rakyat in the just concluded 13th General Election (GE13), said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the reality was that the Bumiputras and Indians were still supporting the BN and gave their mandate to the BN government in GE13 to continue to lead the country.

"We must realise that the opposition, especially DAP, has given the impression to the Chinese that they can change the government. In fact, they drummed up the slogan that if the Chinese were to support the opposition, they could change the government.

"The fact and reality are that although most of the Chinese voted for the opposition, the government did not fall, the BN government still prevails," he told reporters after chairing a special meeting with BN newly-elected members of Parliament at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) in Kuala Lumpur Tuesday.

The closed-door meeting, which lasted nearly two hours, was attended by BN deputy chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

Najib, who is also BN chairman, said although the Chinese vote for the DAP in some areas increased to between 85 and 95 per cent, the BN still prevailed due to the support from Bumiputeras and Indians in many other areas for they still believed in the coalition.

He described the scenario portrayed by the opposition, especially the DAP, as a major deception against the Chinese to the extent that the community was confident that their votes could change the government.

"(This is) just like the Sept 16 promise (of Pakatan Rakyat capturing Putrajaya in 2008 through defection). The storyline (to change the government) is not correct and exaggerated, a lot of spinning," he said.

The prime minister said another lie was a claim that 40,000 Bangladeshis had flown in as voters to ensure the BN's victory which was simply not logical.

"If you follow the logic, to fly in 40,000 Bangladeshis, we need 100 Boeing 747 planes as the plane could accommodate only 400 people," he added.

Najib said however, no evidence was put forward to back the claim which was absolutely baseless.

"This is a big lie to the extent that the people who cast their votes believed and were confident that they had voted to save Malaysia from being dominated by Bangladeshis. The lie is aimed at inflaming anger at the government in the quest for power," he said.

Najib, who was sworn in as prime minister on Monday, said he believed that if the Chinese supported the BN like in 2008, it was not possible for the coalition to garner a two-thirds majority in GE13.

Asserting that the Chinese had been taken for a ride by the opposition, he said immediate explanation should be given to make them aware of the reality.

He dismissed the notion of a large shift in the urban Malay sentiment had contributed to the BN's declining support, for based on fact, the Malay votes in urban areas had increased compared to that of 2008.

"A lot of polling district centres in Malay-dominated areas basically had strengthened compared to that of 2008.

"In 2008, UMNO won 79 (parliamentary seats), and this time 88 seats, meaning that the Malay votes had strengthened across the country," he said, adding that to say that Malay votes in urban areas had decreased was not quite correct.

"Of course, not everyone had supported the BN, but by and large, the Malay support base had increased even in the urban areas," he said.

On ways to arrest the changing trend in Chinese votes, the prime minister said it would not be done in a hurry.

An in-depth study and discussions will be carried out with BN component parties, he added.

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