

**King Advises Opposition To Accept 13th General Election Results**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 25 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah in his opening speech at the first meeting of the first session of the 13th Parliament here, today, urged all parties to accept and respect the 13th General Election results.

The king said this was because the election was held in accordance with the democratic system of the country.

All the 222 members of parliament, including 89 from the opposition who took oath at the Dewan Rakyat yesterday, attended the opening ceremony.

The opposition had earlier threatened to boycott the ceremony in protest of the GE13 election results, accusing the Election Commission (EC) of rigging the polls to give Barisan Nasional (BN) victory.

Tuanku Abdul Halim also advised Members of Parliament to refrain from actions that could ruin the country.

The king said that if the country were to fall apart, it would take a long time to recover.

"There is no certainty that a country torn apart by strife or a failing economy will be able to bounce back in a short period," he said.

Tuanku Abdul Halim thus urged all MPs to close ranks and work together to develop and bring progress to the country.

"Let me remind honourable members of this august house to accord their unstinting allegiance to the country and to always preserve, protect and defend the Federal Constitution," he said.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong also reminded the MPs to shoulder the mandate entrusted by the people who craved for lasting stability and prosperity, and to enhance their well-being, racial unity and religious understanding.

Tuanku Abdul Halim said the people should also play their role, cooperate and assist the government in shouldering the trust because the government's commitment in realising the national transformation agenda would benefit every level of society in terms of socio-economic, security and political aspects.

He added that the government would continue to focus on accountability, integrity, adherence to law and good governance.

He then congratulated Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his cabinet ministers for successfully forming the government after the May 5, polls.

"I'm confident that the government will work hard to develop the country in order to achieve a high-income developed-nation status by 2020," he said.

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