

Refrain From Destructive Actions, Agong Tells MPs
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 25 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, on Tuesday reminded Members of Parliament not to resort to action that could lead to the destruction of 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 due to strife or a failing economy will be able to bounce back in a short period," he said when opening the first meeting of the first session of the 13th Parliament here.

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 trust entrusted by the people who craved for lasting stability and prosperity and to enhance their well-being and racial unity and religious understanding.

Tuanku Abdul Halim said the people should also play their role and cooperate and assist the government in shouldering the trust.

"Let me extend my congratulations to all honourable members of this august house who have been elected by the people. It is my fervent wish that you would serve the people with dedication and integrity," he said.

Tuanku Abdul Halim also called on the MPs to always show admirable moral character in the name of faith, dignity, the noble institution of Parliament and the beloved nation.

"Remind yourselves that your presence in this august house is a responsibility to fulfil promises to the people," he said.

The king also congratulated Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his Cabinet line-up for having formed the government after the 13th General Election on May 5.

"I am confident that the government will continue to work hard to develop the country to achieve the goal of making Malaysia a high-income developed country by 2020," he said.

The Barisan Nasional was returned to power after it garnered 133 of the 222 parliamentary seats while the opposition, comprising the PKR-PAS-DAP pact, won 89 seats.

Tuanku Abdul Halim advised all parties to accept and respect the verdict of the people in the general election, saying it was conducted in accordance with the principles of democracy.

Calling on the people to join hands with the government in its quest to achieve a developed

country by 2020, he said: "I believe the government's commitment in realising the transformation agenda through national programmes under the National Key Result Areas (NKRA) and the National Key Economic Areas (NKEAs) will benefit all levels of society in terms of the economic, social, security and political fields."

In striving to achieve this vision, Tuanku Abdul Halim said, the government should continue to emphasise the values of accountability, integrity, the rule of law and good governance.

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