

No action against use of the word 'rakyat' in voicing objections, says Malaysia's PM
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THE Government will not act against any group using the word "rakyat" merely to voice their objection against the results of the 13th general election, said Malaysia's Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He also said that the Government was not afraid of the expression "Malaysian Spring" used by the groups purportedly to demonstrate efforts used to topple the Government through street protests, reported thestaronline.com.

"The Government will give space for people to express their views provided they do not breach the country's laws.

"At the same time, the Government will ensure that public peace and national sovereignty are respected," he told Datuk Abdul Latiff Ahmad (BN-Mersing) in Parliament. Najib said any attempt to overthrow the Government through street demonstrations and riots would not bring any good to Malaysia.

"In fact, countries that are in a state of unrest cannot achieve anything positive. "The economy and politics in these countries are ruined as a result of fighting and there is no assurance that they can be restored," he added.

Najib also said that national reconciliation could only be achieved if Pakatan Rakyat accepted the outcome of the election results.

"A National Unity Consultation Council (MPKN) is being planned to find ways to solve the issue of race and religious polarisation that was evident during the elections," he told Lim Kit Siang (DAP-Gelang Patah). Lim had asked the Government to state its efforts at national reconciliation after the elections.

"Through the council, we will outline a reconciliation plan to foster good relations between various groups post-GE13 and to focus on efforts to bring the nation forward," he said.

Najib also noted that the Government had no problems with the people who wanted to demonstrate and stressed that it must be done according to the laws.

"Assemblies must be done according to the Peaceful Assembly Act and such rallies are allowed as a sign of respect for human rights.

"We will even help them with necessary facilities like the venue if they consult with us," he told Datuk Seri Abdul Ghapur Salleh (BN-Kalabakan). - June 27, 2013.

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