

GE13: No need to replace effective govt, says PM
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KUALA LUMPUR: There is no need to replace an existing government which has brought effective changes for the betterment of the nation and people, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said that although voters had the right to change the country's administration, it was not necessary if the desired improvements were effectively brought about by the government's transformation.

"Some people are attracted to change and seek to change what they have today.

"What is important is not changing the existing structures but the effectiveness of change brought about by the government," Najib said in his speech when launching Terminal Bersepadu Selatan in Bandar Tasik Selatan (TBS-BTS) yesterday.

He said that certain quarters, particularly the opposition, were quick to condemn the Government's efforts.

However, Najib pointed out that some of the successes achieved over the years were eventually accepted by the opposition.

These include the Petronas Twin Towers, KL International Airport and the Penang Bridge, with the TBS integrated terminal being the latest.

He added that the move to upgrade and modernise urban public transportation services via the development of the terminal is part of the National Key Result Areas and in line with the Government's Transformation Programme.

The Prime Minister announced that the Government plans to develop a similar integrated transportation hub in Gombak to cover the eastern area leading into the city.

The TBS-BTS has led to about 3.9 million people using public transportation since its opening, with bus ticket sales increasing from 23,000 in 2011 to 33,000 last year.

The RM570mil design-and-build project was undertaken by Maju Holdings Bhd in 2007, completed in November 2010 and began operations in January 2011.

Covering 20ha, the terminal is able to handle 900 daily trips for 25,000 passengers and up to 5,000 daily trips for 80,000 passengers when fully utilised.

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