

Najib Upholds Seven Wills Of The Nine Malay Rulers To Empower Bumiputeras' Economy
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who upholds the seven Wills of the nine Malay Rulers, says the Wills are very clear and cannot be disputed.

"The Wills are very clear," said Najib, who is also Umno President, when announcing measures to empower Bumiputeras' economy.

In pursuing Bumiputeras' interests and their unending struggles, Najib quoted the seven Wills governing the independence agreement to establish a federation.

Najib said the Will states the equity and ownership of the Malays and was later expanded to the Bumiputeras with the joining of Sabah and Sarawak when Malaysia was formed 50 years ago.

Najib, who is also the Finance Minister, announced five main strategies to empower Bumiputeras economy, covering human capital, equity ownership, non-finance asset ownership, entrepreneurship and service delivery.

The Bumiputeras, who made up 67.9 per cent of the 27.4 million Malaysia's population, must be the core of the national agenda and cannot be denied by anyone, Najib said.

"Hence, any national initiative that does not take into account or ignore the Malays or Bumiputera agenda is unfair and unjust," he said.

Najib said since independence all planning and economic policies for the Malays and Bumiputeras by the government were drawn up based on the racial composition of the plural society.

"In principle, this practice has been accepted as a social contract all this while by all Malaysians as was agreed to by our founding fathers of this nation.

"They were protected by the Federal Constitution," he added.

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