

Najib: People In Selangor Should Gauge Rationally Political Developments In The State

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DENGKIL, Aug 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak wants the people in Selangor to gauge rationally, the political developments in the state.

Najib, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, said nepotism openly occurred in Selangor where a fit elected representative was asked to resign and be replaced by one's own wife. A by-election was earlier held and after that, the wife was chosen as candidate for the menteri besar post.

"Just imagine, if in BN we make our own wife as menteri besar, we will be accused of open nepotism but this is happening in Selangor.

"It is up to the people in Selangor to think of what is good and appropriate to be done based on wisdom and rationale, and this consideration will save the state and country as a whole.

"Consideration with a motif like 'ada udang galah disebalik batu (there's a giant prawn behind the rock - meaning, ulterior motive) will only bring losses to the people," Najib said at a Selangor Umno Aidilfitri celebration attended by over 10,000 people at Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan (Cina), here, tonight.

Also present was state Umno liaison chief and Federal Action Council chairman for Selangor, Datuk Seri Noh Omar.

Najib said the federal government expressed its appreciation for Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim who agreed to sign the agreement for the implementation of the Air Langat Water Treatment Plant 2 (Langat 2) project to ensure sufficient water supply for the people in Selangor and the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

He said although the agreement should have been signed three years ago, politics was above Abdul Khalid's rational consideration at the time.

"The Selangor menteri besar has realised that the federal government's decision on the project was right after all as without Langat 2, there is no guarantee of adequate water supply (for the three areas)," he added.

Meanwhile, Najib said there were lessons learned from the MH17 tragedy as Malaysians were united in sadness and grief when they observed one minute of silence last Friday in honour of the crash victims.

"This was a very unique and special situation when we managed to forget our quarrels and different political ideologies and regardless of our race and religion, we as Malaysians shared the sadness and sympathy.

"This showed that in such a testing time, Malaysians could unite and there were no hurdles they could not overcome," he said.

Earlier, Najib and the other attendees of the Raya celebration also observed a minute of silence in honour of the victims of the MH17 crash which occurred on July 17 when the Malaysia Airlines plane was en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, as well as the passengers and crew of MH370 which went missing on March 8.

At the function, Najib also handed over contributions to the Haj would-be pilgrims from the Sepang parliamentary constituency.

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