

**Umno Leadership Must Explain Economic Success To Grassroots - Najib
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PEKAN, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak wants the Umno leadership to go down to the grassroots and explain the country's economic success so that the people could understand and appreciate it better.

He said the country managed to record an economic growth rate of 6.4 percent for the second quarter of this year but many had yet to understand its benefits.

"If we are to compare with other countries in Asean, Malaysia recorded the highest economic growth in Asean for the second quarter of this year while countries like Singapore only recorded 2.4 percent and Indonesia 5.1 percent.

"But some are still questioning what is the meaning of achieving 6.4 percent to them and this matter must be explained to the people at the grassroots level," he said.

He said this when officiating the Pekan Umno Division delegates meeting in Pekan Convention Hall here today.

Also present were the prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and state Umno Liaison Committee chairman Datuk Mohd Sharkar Shamsudin.

Najib, who is also Pekan Member of Parliament, said with economic growth, the country's revenue increased with better job opportunities for the people, especially graduates of institutions of higher learning.

"They can choose to work with the private sector or in the government sector as teachers or civil servants. All these need an economy that is expanding," he said.

He said the people also needed to know and realise that no other country provided all kinds of facilities for the people such as that undertaken by the government in this country.

"The problem arises when all the facilities being provided by the government are regarded as a normal matter that is prevalent.

"I dare to say that our health system is better in many aspects when compared to that of the United Kingdom (UK).

"In the UK if we want to undergo a surgery, we have to queue up but in Malaysia, it can be done as soon as possible.

"I want to ask if there is any other country that if a person is sick, one can see the doctor and pay RM1, a specialist RM5...can ask the opposition about it." he said.

Najib, who is also Umno president, reminded Umno members not to easily forget that the blessings enjoyed by the country all this while could be taken away if they continued to be careless and negligent.

"We must also remember our pledge, since Umno was established 68 years ago, is to make sure the Malay race is one that is respected and successful," he added.

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