

Stop the infighting and unite, Najib tells MCA
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KUALA LUMPUR Oct 12, 2014: MCA needs to stop the infighting and unite if the party wants to be successful in the next general election. In making this call, Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the infighting had made it very difficult for him to pick the right candidates for the last general election.

“Just because the candidate belongs to a certain side, does not make him suitable or the best choice,” the prime minister said when opening the MCA annual general meeting here today. He said the future of MCA depended on unity and it can no longer have Teams A, B or C, adding that infighting will continuously make people fed up with the party. He advised them to close ranks so that they can be stronger together. On problems faced by Pakatan Rakyat in Selangor over the Menteri Besar issue, Najib said the people were already fed up with the infighting that went on for months. He said if this had gone on at the federal level, it would have paralysed the government and clearly shows PR is not ready to govern the country. The prime minister urged MCA to have a sense of direction as it's the only way for the party to move forward. On the issue of Chinese schools, Najib said it is in the social contract and the constitution and no one has the right to challenge it. To this, the BN chairman received a standing ovation from the delegates. He reiterated that the issue was a non-starter and it was in the education national blueprint. Najib said all these principles were established by the founding forefathers and the duty of the present day leaders was to defend it.

He, however, also urged the Chinese community to improve their grasp of the national language. On the recent budget, Najib said one of the most important things was to wean people away from relying on subsidies. He said there were only two million taxpayers in the country compared to 13 million employees and the government could not continue to rely on the two million. “Therefore the people must understand the need for the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax,” he added.

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