

**30 NGO, Indian Political Party In Perak Support PM
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IPOH, April 11 (Bernama) - Thirty non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and representatives of Indian political parties in Perak have expressed confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Among them were Malaysia Hindu Sangam Association, Indus Education Foundation, Gerakan Afir Matif Baharu Foundation, Buntong Kacang Putih Traders Association, Perak MIC Youth and Perak Wanita MIC.

Special Advisor to the Perak Menteri Besar, Datuk V. Elango said the strong support was given as the Prime Minister always care for the welfare of the various communities.

The Prime Minister made various efforts to improve social and economic status of the Indian community via the transformation programme.

Elango, who is also Lumut MIC division chief said the Prime Minister did not marginalise the Indian community and always listen to their grouses.

"Since Datuk Seri Najib became Prime Minister in 2009, he brought change to with the creation of the Special Cabinet Committee On Indian Affairs," he told a press conference here, Saturday.

The Prime Minister also took the initiative to set up special funds for the education of the Indians.

"In just five years, RM600 million was disbursed for the development of Tamil schools nationwide.

"A 1,500 quota for Indian students in matriculation was established under the leadership of Datuk Seri Najib."

Elango said RM50 million was allocated for skills training of Indian youths while another RM50 million was given under TEKUN for Indians to start business.

"We stand firmly behind him to continue to lead the Barisan Nasional (BN) to victory in the 14th general election."

The pledge of support for the Prime Minister came in the wake of assaults on the Najib administration by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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