

Umno staying out of Sarawak, says Najib
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Datuk Seri Najib Razak has reassured his Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition partners in Sarawak that there will be no move by Umno to enter the state.

Calling the Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) a capable partner, the prime minister said there was no reason for the leading BN component party to enter the state, The Borneo Post reports.

"We leave Sarawak to PBB because the party has proven its capability to lead the people of Sarawak and it is also our most trusted and reliable ally in Barisan Nasional.

"Since they are already capable and successful, there is no need for Umno to expand its wings here in Sarawak," Najib was quoted as saying at the Kuching PBB Hari Raya open house at the Borneo Convention Centre, last night.

Saying that PBB has always delivered a big part of BN's victory in the general election, largely contributing to its majority in Parliament, Najib added it is one of the reasons he has eight Sarawakians in his Cabinet.

"As BN chairman, I've always been very impressed with PBB because no matter what kind of situation, we can always depend on PBB to contribute a large number of seats to BN.

"Honestly speaking, I cannot imagine having an alternative party governing the state as I think the situation would not be as good as what has been done by PBB.

"In addition, the appointment of the ministers is also to strengthen regional unity for the sake of integration and to ensure that Sarawak will continue to be a very progressive state," he said, according to the Borneo Post.

Najib also thanked Tan Sri Adenan Satem for the continued support to BN and wants the Sarawak chief minister to rule the state for as long as he wants.

"If he (Adenan) is asking for five more years as chief minister, then we must make sure that his wish becomes a reality," The Borneo Post quoted Najib as saying.

Also present at the ceremony were Najib's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Adenan's wife Datuk Jamilah Anu, Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu, Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Housing Minister Datuk Amar Abang Johari Openg and Second Resource Planning and Environment Minister Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan. – August 11, 2015.

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