

We will not let people use street rallies to topple government, says Najib
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said all measures will be taken to stop anyone from trying to overthrow the government through street rallies The Star online reported.

The news portal quoted Najib as saying those involved in such rallies were "stirring up hatred with the aim of toppling the government".

"It is not right to organise rallies dominated by one race, with the expressed aim of toppling the government. As we have seen, this then leads to rallies by other races.

"This could not be more dangerous and risks tearing apart the fabric of our democracy, our harmony, our unity," he said in his keynote address at a conference entitled "Enhancing National Unity and Integration" in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah today, he was quoted as saying by The Star.

There was no mention of whether Najib was referring to the recent Bersih 4 rally organised by electoral reform group Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (Bersih 2.0), which saw hundreds of thousands took their protests against his administration to the streets of Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching.

It was reported that a majority of the Bersih 4 participants, who demanded for reforms and Najib's resignation over the financial scandals gripping his administration, were Chinese Malaysians.

Currently, a rally by thousands of Malays supporting the government, have taken to the streets of Kuala Lumpur in retaliation for what took place during Bersih 4, including some participants stomping on Najib's photo.

As the 'red shirt' rally takes place, The Star Online reported that Najib in Kota Kinabalu said it was "saddening" that there were some conspiring with blackmailers, forgers and foreigners, who want to interfere in the country as they did in colonial times.

"There is no lie they will not tell, no rumours they will not spread, so that they can say Malaysia is on a dangerous course.

"But they are the danger. In their desperate wish to overthrow a democratically-elected government, they are willing to risk the instability that has led to violent revolutions in many countries – some very close to us," he was quoted as saying in The Star Online report.

Najib also said Malaysia had gone through a bitter experience of seeing blood on the streets and the burning of shops.

"But let me say this – I will never allow that to happen in Malaysia. The peace and security of the nation is my government's top priority.

"I am confident that we will prevail and stay united," he said, pledging that the government would never stop fighting to preserve the prevailing peace, harmony and prosperity in the country.

"It is only through pursuing national unity – managing our differences, not letting them cause bitterness and anger between us – and the regular course of parliamentary democracy, that we will remain the Malaysia that our friends around the world admire." – September 16, 2015.

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