

**Obama Supports Najib's Administration - Tengku Adnan
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 1 (Bernama) -- United States President Barack Obama's silence and not criticising Malaysia shows he supports Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's administration, said Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

Tengku Adnan, who is also Federal Territories Minister and the secretary-general of the Barisan Nasional (the ruling coalition in Malaysia), said Obama actually respected the decisions taken by Najib in leading the nation.

Although the influential newspaper The Washington Post had criticised Obama's stance (on Malaysia) yesterday, Tengku Adnan said Obama did not give any reaction because the president did not want to interfere in how Najib chose to lead.

"In fact, Obama supports whatever action is taken by Najib. The opposition will say all sorts of things, they want to tarnish the image of Malaysia," he said after opening a 1Malaysia Breakfast programme themed "Together We Celebrate Diversity" organised Federal Territory Wanita Barisan Nasional (BN) here Sunday.

Tengku Adnan was commenting on the editorial in the The Washington Post yesterday which had urged Obama to uphold his pledge to defend democracy by turning his attention to the events taking place in Malaysia.

The newspaper had alluded that Malaysia needed to be reprimanded, alleging that Najib's administration had launched an extraordinary crackdown on opposition leaders, academics and journalists over the past two months.

"I thank President Obama who has issued a statement whereby he agrees with what Najib is doing as a leader of a multiracial and multireligious country, using his "wasatiyyah" (moderation) concept and for all that he (Najib) is doing in the best interest of Malaysia," Tengku Adnan added.

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