

## **Get ready for delay in GE14 if Najib fears losing power, says ex-editor Malaysian Insider**

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Malaysians should be prepared for the possibility of a delay in the 14th general election as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his supporters fear losing power, veteran newsman Datuk A. Kadir Jasin said in his latest blog post.

The public should accept that Najib will not quit and that nothing can be done to unseat him until the next general election.

The next elections are due in 2018.

As such, the former New Straits Times Group editor-in-chief said Malaysians should not do anything provocative, giving the prime minister and his supporters an excuse to delay GE14.

Najib is facing under pressure over alleged financial scandals in his brainchild, 1Malaysia Development Bhd and over RM2.6 billion deposited into his personal bank accounts – issues which have also created turmoil within his party, Umno.

“We need to look forward, beyond Najib and the hegemony of Umno/Barisan Nasional (BN),” Kadir said in his blog.

He said Malaysians should look at a new era where Umno and the ruling coalition, BN, were no longer depended upon by the people because their leadership was no longer inclusive or caring.

Umno and BN have instead been acting as though they were the “lord and master of the universe”, Kadir said.

Kadir, who has become critical of the current leadership under Najib, said Malaysians should embrace a politics that was “colour blind, humane, civilised” and which upheld the Federal Constitution.

He also urged Malaysians to band together and suggested that a non-partisan movement be formed by all sorts of people – “politics, religion, professional, academicians, entrepreneurs, retirees, student leaders, non-governmental organisations and anyone who is committed to save Malaysia”.

Kadir said the world was “losing faith” in Malaysia and the people needed to show that they cared enough and would “do anything” to save the country.

Conventional wisdom, he added, no longer worked to correct the current government because “Najib did not fight on the same platform”.

“It seems that conventional wisdom has no place in his strategy or actions. Instead, he (Najib) acts out of convention and his thinking is purely to save himself.

"We have to submit to what is happening, which is something we have never experienced since our independence in 1957. We are at a non-level playing field, with a biased referee and changing goal posts." – November 8, 2015.

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