

Najib: BN ready for GE14, even if called earlier
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Prime Minister says Barisan Nasional will emerge winners regardless of when the general election is held.

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Najib Razak says the Barisan Nasional (BN) is ready for the 14th general election (GE14) even if it is called earlier.

Najib, who is also BN chairperson and Umno president, said intensive preparations were being carried out by Umno and BN component parties and he was confident their strong election machinery would ensure victory for them.

“GE14 can be held this year or next year. Whether this year or next year, we will still win. We have sharpened the sword,” he said when launching Jentera Jalanan Rakyat Plus (JR Plus) at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur today.

Also present were the prime minister’s wife Rosmah Mansor, Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, the top leadership of UMNO and its wings, including leaders of BN component parties.

However, Najib reminded BN leaders and the machinery not to obsess over when the general election would be called or who would be chosen as candidates but to focus instead on their duties in winning over voters.

He also advised the election machineries against being too confident of winning the general election, especially after winning the Sarawak state election with a bigger majority and three by-elections in Kuala Kangsar, Sungai Besar and Tanjong Datu.

“I mention this as I want to remind everyone that we can win... We have won the battle but haven’t won the war,” he said.

Najib said he was now holding on to the principle that solid preparation was needed to deal with something as big as the general election.

“I think we’re ready but we still have a bit of work to do. We must ensure that our machineries are doing their jobs,” he said.

The prime minister also reminded the machineries to practise the principle of moderation when carrying out their work especially at the grassroots level.

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