

Azmin dismisses Najib's claim, says PM is envious of Selangor

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Selangor MB Azmin Ali confident of getting mandate again in GE14, while DAP's Tony Pua calls Najib's comments 'political warfare and fake news'.

SEPANG: Selangor Menteri Besar Azmin Ali has dismissed Najib Razak's claims of political instability in the state, saying the prime minister is envious of his coalition government's performance.

"There are people who are envious of Selangor's success, and not just our economic performance but also our unity," the PKR deputy president said after arriving from a trip to the Middle East at the KLIA here today.

He said a recent report by the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER) had attributed Selangor's accomplishments to the unity in the state administration.

Azmin expressed confidence that the state leadership will be voted in again in the next general election (GE14) with the support and trust it has gained from the public.

"The people gave us the mandate to rule in the last election, and it is a responsibility that we will continue to strive to implement," he said.

In his blog entry today, Najib, who is Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, said internal conflicts and break-ups in the opposition were not good for the country which needed political stability in order to thrive.

He also described the coalition government in Selangor, which consists of PKR, PAS and DAP, as unstable in the wake of the PAS muktamar (general assembly) last Sunday that resolved to cut ties with PKR. The PAS Syura Council is expected to endorse the decision.

Najib said the political situation in the state would become shaky should PAS or DAP pull out of the government and that the internal conflict would distract the opposition's focus from serving the people.

The PM also said any government controlled by the opposition would eventually break up, bringing economic ruin to the country.

Meanwhile, DAP national publicity secretary Tony Pua dismissed the prime minister's allegation as psychological warfare and an attempt to create fake news.

“He is trying to manipulate the people into believing that the coalition government in Selangor is unstable,” the Petaling Jaya Utara MP said.

“Whatever they predict will never happen. He is creating a diversion from the real issue,” Pua added.

Meanwhile, PKR’s Kelana Jaya MP Wong Chen said Najib should wait until PAS’ Syura Council endorsed the decision made at the muktamar and avoid speculating on the matter.

“There are too many ‘ifs’ in his statement. We should wait for the Syura Council,” he said.

He added that even if PAS did go ahead to end its collaboration with PKR, the Selangor government would not be affected as PKR, DAP and Amanah could govern the state without PAS.

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