

Selangor is shaky, says Najib
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If PAS or DAP withdraws from the Selangor government, the position of the menteri besar and state government will be jeopardised, says the prime minister.

PETALING JAYA: Within days of the PAS muktamar's decision to cut ties with PKR, Prime Minister Najib Razak has waded into the controversy to depict the coalition government in Selangor comprising PKR, PAS and DAP, as unstable.

Writing in his blog today, Najib said the political situation in the state would become shaky should PAS or DAP pull out of the Selangor government.

He added that the position of Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali, who is the PKR deputy president, and that of the state government would be adversely affected.

PAS at its recent muktamar voted unanimously to cut ties with PKR, after the Islamist party accused it of breaching mutual agreements. The PAS Syura Council is expected to endorse the decision.

Barisan Nasional (BN), led by Najib, has been striving to recapture Selangor from the opposition, which came to power after the 2008 general election.

Najib said political stability was crucial for the development of a country, adding that this can only be achieved if there was cooperation between the political parties forming the government.

“(But) look at the history of opposition coalitions... they never could last long.

“Since 1986, the opposition had formed nine coalitions, such as Barisan Alternatif set up in 1998 but was dissolved in 2008. Next, Pakatan Rakyat which emerged in 2008 until 2015. All these coalitions were forced to disband after a few years.

“What is amusing is that the present opposition (coalition) is joined by small new parties which seek to change the name of Pakatan Harapan. What (kind of) Pakatan will come out of this?”

Najib predicted that internal conflict would divert the opposition's focus from (the welfare of) the people, adding that any government controlled by them would break up and this would cause economic ruin.

He said leadership without a single agenda would lead to frequent cabinet changes, which would interrupt basic government services.

He said in order to ensure development and the welfare of the people, the government must be led by a coalition that was strong, experienced and of one mind.

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