

Opposition not being fair to me, says Najib
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The prime minister says his foes are quick to blame him when prices rise, but do not praise him when prices drop.

SANDAKAN: Prime Minister Najib Razak is disappointed with the attitude of opposition politicians who slam him when prices of goods increase but do not say anything when prices fall.

He said they were only good at attacking his government with senseless, unjustified and irrational criticisms.

He gave the example of prices of fuel fluctuating according to the global market.

“When the price goes up, who do they blame? The Prime Minister.

“When the price falls, they say it is due to market prices. That is not being fair.

“If the price goes up and I am slammed, then when the price drops, I should get praise.”

The opposition also did not have a positive agenda that citizens can depend on for a prosperous future, Najib, who is also the finance minister, said this in his speech when officiating at the “Ekspresi Negaraku” programme in Sandakan.

On March 29, the domestic trade, cooperatives and consumerism ministry began announcing fuel prices weekly every Wednesday night, instead of monthly. Over the last five weeks, the price has risen twice and fallen three times.

Najib also pointed at Chinese investments in Malaysia which have been criticised by the opposition as selling away the country’s sovereignty.

However, when the government cancelled an investment agreement, they still criticised him.

On May 3, TRX City Sdn Bhd, which comes under the finance ministry, announced that the share sale agreement with Beijing’s China Railway Engineering Corporation (M) Sdn Bhd (CREC) and Iskandar Waterfront Holdings Sdn Bhd, regarding the sale of 60% of Bandar Malaysia’s issued and paid-up capital, lapsed and was therefore terminated.

Leaders of Pakatan parties have been vocal in criticising the collapse of the deal.

Najib said the people cannot put their hopes on opposition parties and leaders because their cause is only to serve their own political interests and not for the benefit of the nation.

“How can they form a stable government?” he said, naming PKR and DAP, as well as Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) chairman Dr Mahathir Mohamad, PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, PPBM president Muhyiddin Yassin and Parti Warisan Sabah president Shafie Apdal.

“Look at their statements. There are all sorts of remarks. They say one thing today and another thing day after tomorrow.

“That is why they are said to be U-turn experts.”

He also accused them of trying to deceive the public by promising to abolish the goods and services tax (GST) if they come to power.

He said they are misleading Malaysians by questioning where RM41 billion in GST proceeds had gone to after RM6 billion was used for welfare under the 1Malaysia People’s Aid (BR1M) programme.

“Where has the remaining money gone to? They are for our security forces, our schools, our teachers, hospitals, doctors, nurses, roads, water and so on. They are there for the prosperity of the people.

“They say they want to abolish GST if they win. It is easy for them to talk.

“If we remove the RM41 billion from the national budget, how do we fill the void?”

He said if that happened, civil servants may need to be fired or have their allowances cut.

It may also impact on BR1M, public housing and road infrastructure like the Pan Borneo Highway currently under construction, he warned.

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