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# Rosmah says doesn't blame fair-weather friends, can sleep well

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Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor (right) says she hopes their troubles will soon be over. — Reuters pic

KUALA LUMPUR, May 20 — Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor said she bore no grudges against former allies who turned on her and former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak following Barisan Nasional's general election defeat.

In an exclusive interview with *Malay Mail* yesterday, Rosmah, who seemed at ease in her yellow, flowing kaftan and reading glasses, recounted a life spent in the limelight and said she hoped their troubles will soon be over.

"It's normal in politics. When you're up, everybody adores us, but when you have problem, it is expected. It is just part and parcel of life," she said.

"I don't mind. It's OK. Everybody has got their right about what they want to say."

She stressed that her focus now was only to protect her family and herself.

Some BN leaders such as Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin appeared to blame Najib for the election defeat, claiming they did not dare speak out for fear of reprisals.

In 2015, Najib purged his then deputy Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal from the Cabinet for being critical of the handling of 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

Najib has resigned as Umno president and BN chairman.

During the interview yesterday, despite the series of raids at her home in Jalan Langgak Duta here, Rosmah appeared upbeat.

However, she expressed fervent hopes of soon returning to a normal life with her family.

"We are taking it quite well. I think we're quite relaxed, being a family of politicians. This is just one of those trials and tribulations, hazards of being in politics," Rosmah added.

She was accompanied by her lawyers, Datuk Geethan Ram Vincent and M. Puravalen, throughout the interview, together with several close aides.

"It's another life, but I'm not complaining. I'm not asking for this kind of life, but it's a much more relaxed life when I can do my thing. When I feel like sleeping, I can sleep when I feel like waking up, I can wake up.

"But I would like this to be over as soon as possible, because we want to move on with our lives," she added.

She also asked that police to treat her and her family with the courtesy to which they were entitled as Malaysians.

"I can take all that pre-dawn raids. I understand.

"I believe that a person is innocent until proven guilty. Otherwise, we have to be treated like normal human beings. The right to dignity," she added.