

**Gov't plans to set up youth parliament**  
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The government plans to introduce a parliament for youths to get to know their views, aspirations and ideas, said Prime Minister Najib Razak.

He said the 'MPs' in the parliament would be elected by the youths themselves.

"The age limit for the representatives will probably be below 40," he said when opening the One Million Youths gathering in conjunction with National Youth Day in Putrajaya today.

Also present were Youth and Sports Minister Ahmad Shabery Cheek and several other cabinet ministers.

"Debates can be held and proposals made... the government will give due consideration to the inputs provided by the youths' representatives," said Najib.

Najib said he was very pleased with the mammoth gathering and looked forward to seeing a turnout of two million youths next year.

He said this year's turnout was far greater than last year and that this showed youths in the country wanted peace unlike in some countries in the Middle East.

"I believe we can show to the world... Malaysia is peaceful and stable. What happened in Egypt and is happening in Tripoli are their own internal matters.

"Malaysia belongs to us and today's youths know their future is dependent on the success of the national transformation plans," he said.

**'Youth don't want Putrajaya under opposition'**

The prime minister said the government was working very hard for the well-being of the people especially youths as they were the catalysts to bring about a transformation to make Malaysia a developed state.

"Although you (youths) may not be at the highest decision-making level for the country, it would suffice if you uphold and support the government's transformation plans. I really appreciate that," he said, adding that the support shown by the youths at the gathering reflected that they did not want Putrajaya, the national administrative capital, to fall into the hands of the opposition.

"One day there will among you gathered here today who will occupy powerful positions in Putrajaya. This is what we want to see... not like the opposition who want to "lelong" (auction off) Putrajaya," he added.

A number of foreign envoys also attended the official opening of the mammoth gathering.

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