

**PM: Don't switch driver of change halfway**  
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has called on Malaysians not to change the driver of the country's transformation agenda when it is already halfway through.

Speaking during a televised speech today, Najib drew the analogy of a moving vehicle, stressing that the current driver has put the country on the right trajectory.

"To ensure that the vehicle arrives safely at its destination in the allocated time, do not experiment with changing the driver whose ability has already been proven.

"Do not replace it with a dangerous and suspicious driver half way through, do not make the wrong choice," said Najib in an obvious reference to Pakatan Rakyat.

The prime minister, who will celebrate his third year in office tomorrow, warned against choosing certain quarters that have "promised the moon and stars" but cannot deliver.

Najib flashes report card

In his report card speech, Najib boasted a slew of achievements and ongoing measures under the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and Economic Transformation Programme (ETP), which were introduced under his stewardship.

"Two years ago when the ETP was introduced, the country's per capita income was at US\$6,700, today it has increased to US\$9,700.

"Meanwhile, according to 2011 records, the country's GDP has reached RM852.7 billion. This performance has allowed the government to collect its highest revenue since post-independence history of RM185.4 billion," he said.

On the political front, Najib pitched the government's move to lift three emergencies in the country and abolish the Restricted Resident's Act and Banishment Act, on top of instituting changes to the Universities and University Colleges Act and Printing Presses and Publications Act.

"The government today is not afraid to compete in a democratic court, is this not the government that abolished the Internal Security Act...?" he said.

Najib, who has helmed the premiership for three years after succeeding former prime minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, has yet to receive the people's mandate in an election but is expected to call early polls this year.

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