

**Gov't achieves all KPI targets: PM**  
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All the six National Key Result Areas (NKRAs), introduced to gauge government performance, have achieved the Key Performance Index (KPI) set, Prime Minister Najib Razak said today.

The KPI was achieved following the adoption and introduction of bold and out-of-the-ordinary measures to realise the objectives of the NKRAs, he said in his speech at the investiture in conjunction with the birthday of Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin at the Istana Negara, here.

The government had introduced the six NKRAs in July last year to reduce crime, fight corruption, improve student outcomes, raise living standards of low-income households, improve rural basic infrastructure and improve urban public transport.

"Alhamdulillah (Praise be to God), all the six NKRAs have achieved the Key Performance Index or KPI set," he said.

Elaborating, Najib cited the example of how members of the People's Volunteer Corps (Rela) and Department of Civil Defence had been deployed, along with the policemen, to conduct patrols to achieve the objectives of the NKRA on crime reduction.

Besides, he said, more than 7,000 police officers and men working in the office had "returned" to their core duty to be close with the people, while their task at the office was carried out by more than 4,000 civil servants.

Under the NKRA to reduce crime, the KPI set was to cut crime by five per cent and street crime by 20 per cent by the end of this year.

#### Drop in crime index

Due to the measures adopted and implemented, it was encouraging to note that in the first quarter of this year, the crime index had dropped 15.1 percent while street crimes were down by 39.6 per cent compared to the corresponding period last year, he said.

"Hopefully, the efforts to establish a safe and peaceful living environment for the people will achieve their objective," he said.

Najib also said that besides the initiative associated with the role and functions of the government through the Government Transformation Programme (GTP), the government had also introduced the initiative with regard to the economy through the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) to ensure that the national vision could be realised as scheduled.

Under the ETP initiative, the government had formulated the New Economic Model (NEM) as the direction for two Malaysia development plans, the 10th and 11th, which were the final bridges to cross for Malaysia to realise its Vision 2020 objective of becoming a developed nation, he said.

He said the government would carry on implementing the necessary measures to ensure

unimpeded sustainable growth and had begun to introduce initiatives to improve the government's financial position.

Najib said there was a need to increase the government revenue while expenditure had to be carried out with prudence in a way that provided for maximum impact on the people.

"In this matter, the government holds steadfast to two key principles to realise the objective; we will not burden the future generations and will continue to discuss with the people and understand their aspirations when making any decision in accordance with the 'people first' philosophy," he said.

Najib said the government would never neglect its responsibility of leadership and would not avoid making difficult decisions in situations where these were felt appropriate to keep Malaysia on the right trajectory.

"Hopefully, history will tell that the leadership of today was a responsible generation, which did not waste away the responsibility it shouldered nor leave behind a weak nation for the next generation of leaders.

"We want the next generation to inherit a Malaysia of high standing and self-esteem, respected by both friend and competitor. Inshaallah (God willing)," he said.

National unity

Najib said the government gave attention to the question of national unity because it realised that unless there was strong national unity it would be impossible to achieve the desired national vision.

"It is in this connection, through the '1Malaysia: People First, Performance Now' concept as the key guide of the government, various initiatives and policies have been, are being and will be drawn up for the benefit of the people," he said.

The prime minister said Malaysia drew strength as a competitive nation from the constant efforts it took to be ahead of the contemporary curve, and added that the government was determined to continue with strategies proven effective.

"In carving the onward journey of transforming Malaysia into a high-income developed nation, the government will not adopt a dogmatic attitude and will cast aside the belief that only the government knows best," he said.

Najib also said that efforts to create a better future for the people had begun to bear fruit.

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the first quarter of 2010, for example, had shown a most encouraging growth of 10.1 per cent, he said.

Furthermore, he said, the country's competitiveness at the global level had improved as well, with Malaysia moving up from 18th position last year to 10th this year in the ranking of the World Competitiveness Report 2010.

The prime minister said the government was determined to have Malaysia occupy one of the top five positions on the global competitiveness list.

"We cannot be idle and let the chance slip away. It is important that we work hard to

achieve the objective," he said.

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