

**BN gov't strives to be fair to all races, says Najib**  
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Najib Abdul Razak said the BN government has always adopted the principle of social justice based on the spirit and principles of 1Malaysia in accordance with the Federal Constitution and Rukun Negara.

The Prime Minister said based on the principles of respect, the BN strived to be fair to all races in line with the teachings of Islam.

"As a leader, I must be fair to all races and I will make sure that this the BN government's top priority," he said at a people-friendly meeting with the Chinese community at the Bagan Sungai Tiang fishing village in Bagan Datoh today.

At the function, Najib handed over the temporary occupancy licence (TOL) for a period of 10 years to 370 residents who had lived in the village since 50 years ago.

He also announced a RM400,000 allocation for eight fishing villages in the Bagan Datoh parliamentary constituency for small-scale projects.

He said the one-day visit to Bagan Datoh gave him the opportunity to meet the Malays, Chinese and Indians in line with the 1Malaysia concept.

"Under the BN leadership, we will be able to lead the country towards greater progress in keeping with the vision to make Malaysia a developed country in 10 years' time," he said.

At the event, Najib received a memorandum from a group of fishermen handed to him by Bagan Datoh MCA division chief Ang Kim Cheong, asking the government to relax the Fisheries Act 1985 and limit the number of fishing trawlers.

Meanwhile, during his visit to Hutan Melintang, the Prime Minister launched the Sanmarka Indian Community Hall worth RM1 million and approved RM500,000 for its maintenance.

In his speech, Najib said he hoped the Indian community in Hutan Melintang would continue support the BN to ensure the state seat there could be wrested from PKR in the next general election.

"The return of the Hutan Melintang seat to the BN fold will make easier for the BN government to channel aid to the people in this area," he said.

Perak Menteri Besar Zambry Abdul Kadir, Defence Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Housing and Local Government Minister Chor Chee Heung and Transport Minister Kong Cho Ha were present.

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