

**Najib: Speedy decisions a performance benchmark**  
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Prime Minister Najib Razak said Malaysia's performance will be judged by its speedy decision making and execution.

"For 2010, I will stress on speedy decisions, quick implementation without sacrificing quality.

"This means we will stress on making fast and accurate decisions as it will be used as a yardstick to measure the country's competitiveness in the frontline," he said.

This is because countries will be gauged based on its competitiveness index, World Bank Report and others.

"We will be judged, if Malaysia lags behind as it will erode the peoples' confidence.

"As such, we will emphasise on speed in order to deliver the peoples' expectation," he said when interviewed on TV3's 'Soal Jawab Bersama Perdana Menteri' programme last night.

In the one-hour interview, the prime minister also stressed on the effectiveness of the government's transformation programme which would be incorporated into the National Key Result Areas (NKRAs) and National Key Performance Index (KPIs).

Touching on the use of the word 'Allah' by non-Muslims, Najib said: "Yes it is true we try to find a way or a national consensus in whatever issue we face, including the issue of the word 'Allah'.

"We are still making efforts and there are signs that people are appreciative of the government's sincerity in this. They are aware that we are not playing politics," he said.

He said as a responsible government, the BN government would find the best solution and added: "Godwilling, we will continue with this effort."

On his using Facebook and Twitter to get closer to the people, especially those who do not catch the news through the newspapers or television, Najib said times had changed and if one were to still stick to the old methods, they might not be totally suitable anymore.

"Since it was launched two months ago, my Facebook account now has some 77,000 fans and friends," he said, adding that the feedback he received on his 1Malaysianya blog and Facebook was used as a source to evaluate the effectiveness of government programmes as well as new ideas to develop the country.

He added that he planned to invited about 300 of his Facebook friends to have tea with him at his official residence, Seri Perdana, Putrajaya.

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