

DRB-Hicom To Assemble VW Cars
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PEKAN -- The DRB-Hicom Berhad plant here is expected to start assembling Volkswagen cars in October or November, with an initial batch of more than 200 units.

Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said the assembly here would be the platform for making the country the base for the export of Volkswagen cars to Asean countries by 2014.

"The first batch from the Pekan plant will test the response of the local market for the model, a number of which, according to plans, will be exported to Asean countries," he said at the breaking of the fast with more than 1,000 DRB-Hicom employees and local residents at the Sri Maulana Mosque here.

Also present was managing director of the DRB-Hicom group Mohd Khamil Jamil.

The Prime Minister was confident that Pekan would be linked with the production of cars for the global market.

"Fans of Mercedes and Volkswagen will be more familiar with Pekan after this," Najib said.

In the face of challenges, he said, the DRB-Hicom management had carried out "changes and renewals" that yielded good results.

Najib hoped the company would increase its workforce from the present 2,500 people to 6,000 within four years.

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