

Najib: We still love Kelantan and won't abandon it

KOTA BARU: The Government will not abandon Kelantan and will be spending RM7.6bil on the state under the 9th: Malaysia Plan.

"This is to help, rather than discard, the state even, though voters here continue to support PAS," Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Sen Najib Tun Razak said during a half-day visit here.

"We want to see that, by 2010, hardcore poverty will no longer be a reality.

"Our large allocation for Kelantan is a clear signal that we want to bring positive changes. It is not a pipe dream."

On Kelantan Umno, Najib urged members not to be complacent after all their hard work in the last general election.

He wants members to stay focused on strengthening the party and to cast aside personal issues for the next general election.

"Umno must go into a mode to meet the present and future political challenges, which are highly competitive," he said after meeting Kelantan Umno leaders.

"This is not only for Kelantan (which is ruled, by PAS) but for every other state."