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# PM: Less street crime now

STREET and petty crime has come down by 6.7% from the second to the fourth quarter last year, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

He said this showed that there were early positive results of the Government's moves to reduce crime under its Government Transformation Programme (GTP).

Crime reduction is one of six National Key Result Areas, which form part of the GTP.

"We have asked for more policemen to be put on the streets instead of doing more administrative work.

"Rela and the Civil Defence Department have also been roped in to help in anti-crime activities, while more CCTVs will be installed in high-risk areas," he said at the launch of the GTP Roadmap yesterday.

Najib said the Government was also committed to improving the country's standing in the Transparency International Corruption Index.

"We are taking action by ensuring that the names of all successful applicants of Government tenders, whether they are closed or open tenders, be published in a website so that people will know who managed to get them," he said.

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He added that a Whistleblowers' Act had been introduced to encourage the people to provide information on corrupt activities to the authorities without fear.

Najib said the Government would also increase pre-school enrolment from the current 67% to 87% by 2012, while more high-performance schools would be created.

He said efforts would also be made to increase access to public transportation to 25% by 2012 compared to the current 10%.

Najib said the common response from the public was that government plans and policies were good, but not their implementation. "We realise that this perception still exists," he said. "That is why we are renewing our focus on the Government's delivery of services to the people."