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**K**UALA LUMPUR: The Government Transformation Programme (GTP) that Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak introduced when he became prime minister last April has yielded early results - street crimes are down by 6.7% between the second and fourth quarters of last year.

In launching the GTP Roadmap yesterday, he said this was a result of the government adding 4,000 security personnel on the ground to patrol 50 crime hotspots nationwide.

But there's more to be expected from the police as the GTP Roadmap has set a target of 20% reduction from the 2009 statistics on street crimes, including the snatch thefts that often make the headlines.

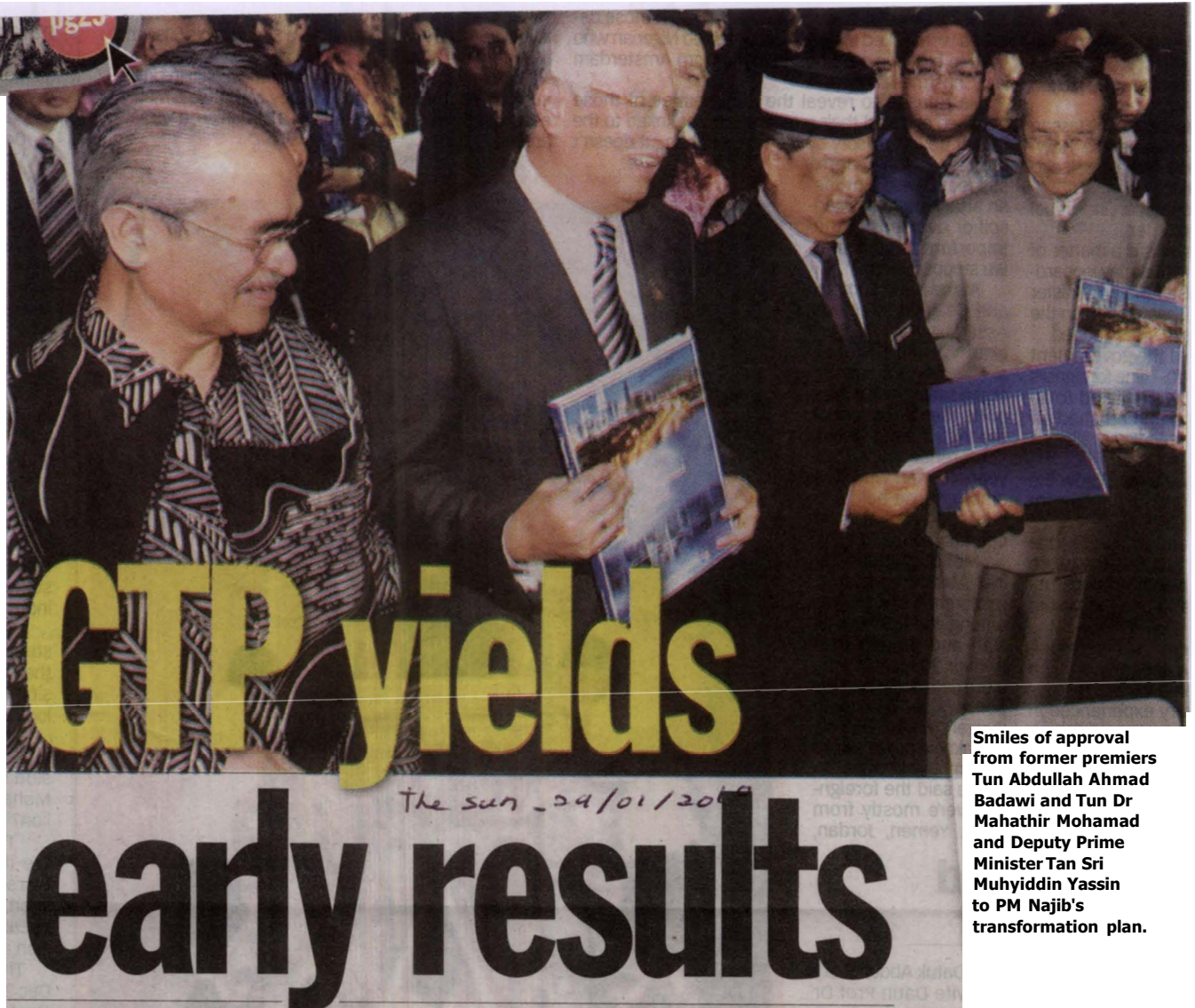
"We hope when the target is achieved, parents would not have to worry for their children's safety and the public can feel safe going out at night," he said.

Reducing crime is one of the six National Key Result Areas listed in the GTP Roadmap. The GTP is a commitment from Najib's administration to reduce crime, combat corruption, improve education, raise living standards of low-income households, upgrade rural basic infrastructure and improve urban public transport (*see Page 8 for details*).

Najib expressed confidence that the roadmap will help deliver results fast, as expected by the people.

On Fighting corruption, he said the government wanted to improve its standing in Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index and as such, the government procurement processes will be more transparent with the use of information technology.

"Details of the contracts and their value will be posted on a webpage (for public access). Those who report corruption will be given full protection



Smiles of approval from former premiers Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to PM Najib's transformation plan.

by the law, and they will have nothing to fear."

On education, he said high-performing schools would receive RM700,000 in annual allocation and secondary and primary school teachers would get RM1,000 and RM700 each respectively. He, however, did not elaborate on these payments and what they were for.

He said the performance of all 9,900 government schools would be ranked on a yearly basis.

"The government aims to increase literacy level to 90% and wants to reward school principals and teachers who

achieve results. Optional retirement is being considered as an option for those who fail to achieve results," said Najib.

The GTP also aims to raise the living standards of low-income households by eradicating hardcore poverty among 44,000 households by the end of this year and raising the number of trained women entrepreneurs from among low-income households by 2,000 people between 2010 and 2012.

Najib said more than 91,000 families had since been lifted from poverty. He also reiterated his administration's commitment to provide

basic infrastructure in rural areas, especially housing, roads, clean water supply and electricity, in Sabah and Sarawak.

"The government will spend RM18 billion in three years to develop basic infrastructures in rural areas and this is the largest allocation for rural development in the country's history," he said.

Najib said the government wanted to make fundamental changes on how it functioned, and wanted to fast-track its delivery of results to the people.

"We realise that we are running out of time," he said. "Malaysia does not have the

luxury of time to achieve Vision 2020 and we have heard The people's demand for outcome, not just more plans and input."

The roadmap will be implemented in three phases.

» **First** phase will ensure the people can quickly see delivery of their most important priorities

» **Second** phase will institute broader and deeper changes to the government structure and quality of human resources.

» **Third** phase - from 2015 to 2020 - will see the government putting in place innovative and people-centric models of public service delivery.