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PM: Speed up economic agenda

PUTRAJAYA: The implementation of government's economic agenda and policy initiatives needs to be increased in momentum this year.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said this was to enable the country to repeat the economic achievements of last year.

Addressing the Prime Minister's Department's monthly gathering here yesterday, Najib said he also hoped to repeat and build on the success the government achieved last year when it steered the country past

the adverse effects of the global economic crisis.

Under his leadership, the government has successfully kicked off major initiatives such as the Government Transformation Programme, the National Key Result Area, the Economic Transformation Programme, the National Key Economic Area, the New Economic Model and the 10th Malaysia Plan.

Implementation of some of the initiatives have shown results, including a 30 per cent drop in crime rate last

year, and more than 40,000 families have been lifted out of the poor and hardcore poor groups.

Najib also said civil servants and public service institutions were crucial in making sure the government's plans were implemented and delivered to the target groups and to the people in general.

"I hope these can be implemented promptly, in accordance with all the rules and financial procedures, so that we can achieve the vision of making the country a developed nation."