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Transformation programme on track, says Najib

PETALING JAYA: The country's transformation programme is on track with detailed projects in progress, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the Government was focused and was confident as it had "very, very concrete plans" to achieve at least a US\$15,000 (RM45,000) per capita income by 2020.

"This is not something which is quite macro or quite abstract. It is something that is very, very specific.

"We have the numbers, we have the projects, we have the type of

investment, and we have the number of jobs we want to create. And all these things are for real," he told CNN anchor John Defterios in a video interview during his four-day official visit to London.

Najib also said the Government expected 5% to 6% growth this year barring unexpected circumstances.

He said this in response to Defterios' question on whether the debt challenges in Europe and the United States would threaten Malaysia's economic growth target for this year.

When asked to comment on Europe's debt crisis, Najib said the situation in Europe was a global concern.

"What we would like to see is a European solution. I think what is required is real leadership here.

"Leadership that can provide a very, very comprehensive convincing solution to the market, not a patch up job; not something that you do just to rectify small problems," he said.

On the Bersih 2.0 rally last week, Najib said the demonstrators were

dispersed by the authorities with minimal force.

"Although they were taken in, they were released after eight hours and were treated very well," he said.

Najib said Malaysia was committed towards electoral reform and would work on making it better.

He said the rally was "basically politics" and stressed there was democracy in Malaysia, pointing out that the Barisan Nasional had lost five states in the previous general election.