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# Programmes in top gear

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PM: NTP results within sight and the beneficiaries will be the people



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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Programmes under the National Transformation Policy have hit top gear, the results becoming tangible right down to the grassroots in the two years since the launch.

To cushion the people from the uncertainties of the global economy, the Government created a new National Key Result Area last year.

"The Government is concerned that the rakyat is troubled with the cost of living which seems to rise by the day," said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Launching the 2011 Annual Report of the Government and Economic Transformation Programmes last night, the Prime Minister said short- and long-term measures were implemented to put more in the rakyat's pocket.

Apart from the RM3bil in direct handouts, the Government introduced schemes to assist first-time house owners.

The other six NKRAs are reducing crime, fighting corruption, improving student outcomes, raising living standards of low-income households and improving rural basic infrastructure and urban public transport.



**It's all in black and white:** Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin handing over the report to Najib at RTM yesterday. — NORAFIFI EHSAN / The Star

Through the GTP, the number of street crimes had been brought down by 39% while the crime rate in general decreased 11% last year from 2009.

In his speech entitled "Transformation: A Journey", Najib said this would not be possible without innovative and creative means.

"The Government has also never forgotten the rural folk," he said, adding that in Sabah and Sarawak, hundreds of thousands of households now had water and electricity.

"So far, more than 1,000km of road have been built in the rural areas — the most road

kilometres built in the span of two years."

The Government last year achieved the highest Gross Domestic Product and Gross National Income of RM852.7bil and RM830.7bil respectively since Independence.

This meant that the Government has recorded the highest revenue since 1957 of RM185.54bil, he said.

"The Government which I lead is not an irresponsible populist. As such, we should not experiment by switching in midstream drivers of proven ability with those who are doubtful and dangerous."