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'No empty promises from BN'

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areas were prioritised in the 11th Malaysia Plan and Government Transformation Programme.

"As I have mentioned on a number of occasions and at Parliament, the policies adopted and implemented by the government are inclusive for all people.

"I hold on to the principle that I am a prime minister for all races and ethnicities.

"At times, I may have overseas engagements, such as my recent visit to Saudi Arabia. I later rushed to Ranau (in Sabah) to check on the earthquake situation before returning to Kuala Lumpur. Now, I am here with all of you. This is what I am comfortable doing and what I want to do as prime minister."

The BN government, Najib said, would continue improving the lives of the people, adding that the ruling

coalition would never offer empty promises.

"The opposition can promise whatever they want, but we know better. Only BN delivers. BN is a government that stands for fairness and thoroughness. We are the coalition that represents all segments of the community. As chairman, I will continue its struggle to champion the people's welfare."

Najib drew cheers from the people when he announced the approval of RM124 million for infrastructure projects, which are set to change the landscape of Kapit.

He said the allocation included RM87 million to construct a 9.6km route linking Nanga Ngemah and Nanga Temalat.

Describing the soon-to-be-constructed route as "the missing link", he said the project would boost connectivity in the division.

"I was told that the people in Kapit

face a unique situation, where vehicle owners can use and drive their vehicles only when they are outside the division. They have to use a barge to transport their vehicles to the nearest town because there are no proper roads connecting the division to the nearby township.

"I would like to announce that I am approving RM87 million to construct the missing link."

Najib also announced a RM37 million allocation to construct a road linking Sungai Banyau and Sungai Mujong.

He gave his assurance that he would look into a proposal by Mas-ing on the setting up of a vocational school in the division.

"I want rural areas, including Kapit, to move forward in terms of development. I see great potential in Kapit, and Sarawak in general, to succeed." **Additional reporting by Goh Pei Pei**



Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** meeting **Bengau longhouse residents** in Sungai Sut, Baleh, yesterday. Pic by Mohd Radzi Bujang