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Closing in on housing target

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Promise of affordable homes 16% complete, says Najib

KUALA LUMPUR: So far 16% of affordable homes promised in the "Aku Janji" manifesto have been completed, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"As of September, we have achieved 16% of the target," the Prime Minister announced at the opening of the PRIMA Housing Expo 2015 here yesterday.

He noted that Barisan Nasional had pledged, in its manifesto for the 13th general election, to build one million affordable homes.

Najib also said the affordable home programmes had received overwhelming response from the public, just like hot *pisang goreng* (banana fritters).

Citing two projects here as examples, he said the number of people who applied for the PRIMA housing project in Alam Damai, Cheras, were five times more than the 2,074 units on offer.

"The number of applicants for the 543 units in the Jalan Jubilee, Bukit Bintang project is 25 times more."

"To those who failed to get one, don't worry because the Government will continue to build more of such units," he added.

Najib said it had always been the Government's wish to provide comfortable and high-quality housing areas with facilities such as kindergartens and *surau*.



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Despite facing a challenging economy, he said projects which benefited the people would proceed.

Perbadanan PR1MA Malaysia chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Mutalib Alias said the company had a strategic partnership with

A place to call their own: Najib on hand to congratulate recipients of Rumah PR1MA in Alam Damai and Kuala Ketil during the opening of the exhibition at PWTC in Kuala Lumpur.

Permata Negara to set up childcare and youth community centres at the housing estates.

He said they also planned to work with the Government for the setting up of Klinik 1Malaysia and Kedai Rakyat 1Malaysia in their projects.

The company, he said, had 140 PR1MA housing projects nationwide with 67,000 units of homes under construction.

The exhibition, featuring 98 PR1MA projects, is being held at the Putra World Trade Centre here until Sunday.