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'Felda a powerhouse for BN'

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'LOYAL': Agency's political and economic strength helps party retain seats, says PM

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said Felda's political and economic strength is vital to help Barisan Nasional (BN) retain parliamentary and state seats where Felda land schemes exist.

He said 54 parliamentary and 92 state seats depended on support from the Felda community.

"If the Felda community, who are BN supporters, remain loyal, the 54 parliamentary seats and 92 state seats will be safe.

"Felda definitely deserves to be called a political powerhouse," he said at the "Salam Perantau Warga Felda 2015" event yesterday.

Present was Felda chairman Tan Sri Mohd Isa Samad.

Najib said Felda needed to strive to become a political and economic powerhouse to ensure future success.

"We need to have a two-pronged approach if we want to play a bigger role as the strength of the two is interlinked."

He said it was the government's wish to continue seeing Felda remain true to the original aim of its establishment, which was to give the best land to hardworking citizens.

He said there were 317 Felda land schemes that benefited about 112,000 families, bringing the number of the Felda community to about two million.

"This means the Felda community are not only big, but can also contribute to national development and nationhood."

He said a database of the Felda community in the Klang Valley showed there were about 53,000 sec-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak meeting guests at the "Salam Perantau Warga Felda 2015" event in Putrajaya yesterday. Pic by Ahmad Irfam Mohd Noor

ond-generation settlers living there.

He said the database should be used as a networking tool by Felda members.

"This will allow them to help the government explain government policies and current issues to the

Felda community, besides contributing to driving the nation forward."

Meanwhile, in an update on his website, NajibRazak.com, the prime minister praised KTM Berhad's (KTMB) move to increase personnel

and counters to reduce long lines of commuters buying tickets.

The move by KTMB came following Najib's walkabout at KL Sentral on Wednesday to observe the transport terminal's operations and to obtain feedback from the people.