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## Construction of RM60mil Quran printing centre begins

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**PUTRAJAYA:** The construction of the world's second largest Quran printing centre has begun with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak performing the ground breaking ceremony.

The centre, known as Kompleks Nasyrul Quran, is built on a 6.1Sha land located at Precinct 14 here.

Nasyrul Quran is Arabic for Quran distribution.

The project costs RM60mil, which includes the building, and printing and binding machines.

It was announced by Najib

when tabling the 2015 Budget last October.

In his speech yesterday, Najib said the centre was expected to print up to three million copies of the Quran a year to be distributed worldwide.

"The centre will become a new landmark of Putrajaya and Malaysia as a country that upholds and spreads the teachings and civilisation of Islam.

"The initiative also supplements the Malaysian Syariah Index, the first ever syariah index in the

world which was launched earlier this year," he said.

The syariah index will serve as a benchmark to determine if the country is MBUsing the objectives of Islamic principles.

The Malaysian Syariah Index will gauge objectively and scientifically Malaysia's commitment in achieving the five aspects of the Maqasid Syariah (objective of Islamic principles).



**New landmark:** Najib admiring an artist's impression of Kompleks Nasyrul Quran during the ground breaking ceremony in Putrajaya.