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# PM: We are saddened by disaster

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**'SHOCKED':**  
5.9-magnitude quake was felt in many other areas

KUALA LUMPUR



**SABAH QUAKES**

*Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin at Istana Negara in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Bernama pic*

All efforts are being taken to rescue victims affected by the earthquakes that hit Ranau, Sabah, since Friday, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

He said the incident was something that was most surprising and that everyone was saddened by the disaster.

"The people are shocked and saddened by the earthquakes that occurred in Ranau, Sabah.

"All efforts are being taken to rescue the victims of the tragedy," he said when delivering the congratulatory speech to Yang di-Per-tuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'ad-/am Shah in conjunction with the king's official birthday celebration at Istana Negara here yesterday.

As of press time, 13 people have been confirmed dead in the tragedy, while six other individuals are unaccounted for.

The tremor, caused by an earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale which struck Ranau on Friday, was also felt in other areas, such as Tambunan, Tuaran, Kota Kinabalu and Kota Belud.

In his speech, the prime minister said there were five major indicators of achievement in the Government Transformation Programme and Economic Transformation Programme in the last five years.

Among the achievements were the rise in the people's per capita income from US\$7,059 (RM26,548) in 2009 to US\$10,426 last year, he

said, adding that almost 170,000 people having been taken out of the poverty group.

Achievements in the report also received the recognition of various groups at the national and international level, and had been validated by accredited auditors.

"The GTP 3.0 horizon will take Malaysia into the arena of developed nations with the will and blessings of Allah by the year

2020," said Najib.

On the 26th Asean Summit meeting in Langkawi last April, which saw Malaysia being made chairman this year, he said the Asean leadership had reached a consensus on two issues, namely the formation of the Asean Economic Community and the Asean roadmap for the next 10 years.

"This represented another milestone for the 600 million people in

Southeast Asia," he said.

On the 11th Malaysia Plan, Najib said its success could be achieved only with the support and cooperation of every strata of society.

"What is important is that we must develop a national consensus, which would form the thrust of success not only towards achieving developed-nation status but beyond 2020." Bernama