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# 'Give CM strong mandate'

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## Najib urges Sarawakians to support Adenan in coming polls

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**SARATOK:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak wants the people of Sarawak to give Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem a strong mandate in the coming 11th state election.

In calling the people to support Adenan's team in the election, Najib said they needed a strong state government so that the Federal Government would also be strong.

"With a strong mandate from the people, the state government under Adenan will have more bargaining power to negotiate with the Federal Government for better empowerment and more allocation," he said at the launch of the Sejiwa Senada programme yesterday.

A good understanding between the state and federal governments, he said, was important so that problems of the state could be solved.

Najib said their choice was for their own future and if they elected Barisan Nasional, their needs would be well taken care of, be they small or big projects such as the RM16bil Pan Borneo Highway and the RM241mil Batang Sadong Bridge.

He added that he had since 2009, given an extra RM1bil besides the two mega projects as the large size of the state needed more for basic infrastructure which included basic amenities like treated water and electricity.

Najib said his next two visits to the state would be in March and April to launch part of the Pan



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Borneo Highway in Serian and Julau junctions.

Also present at the launch were Adenan and his wife Puan Sri Jamilah Anu as well as federal and state ministers.

Adenan, who celebrated his second anniversary as Sarawak chief minister yesterday, has effected

numerous changes during his tenure.

"The two-year duration is not sufficient for him to implement everything for the people.

"Give him another five years to bring more development to Sarawak," Bernama quoted Najib as saying.

He reminded the people that if they erred in making their choice in the next state election, whatever negotiations carried out between the state and federal governments

on empowerment would face difficulty.

"The negotiation will be simple if it is done between the Federal Government and a strong state government under the leadership of Adenan," he said in the Bernama report.



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