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Govt to draw up policy on tahfiz education

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FEEDBACK: Plan will expand religious learning, curb extremist ideas, says PM

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THE government will draw up a National Tahfiz Education Policy aimed at expanding Islamic learning and understanding besides eradicating extremist influence, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak last night.

He said the policy would enable tahfiz education centres nationwide to be given sufficient space to expand.

"I also want the proposals in forming this policy to be drawn up with input from all the tahfiz madrasah throughout the country.

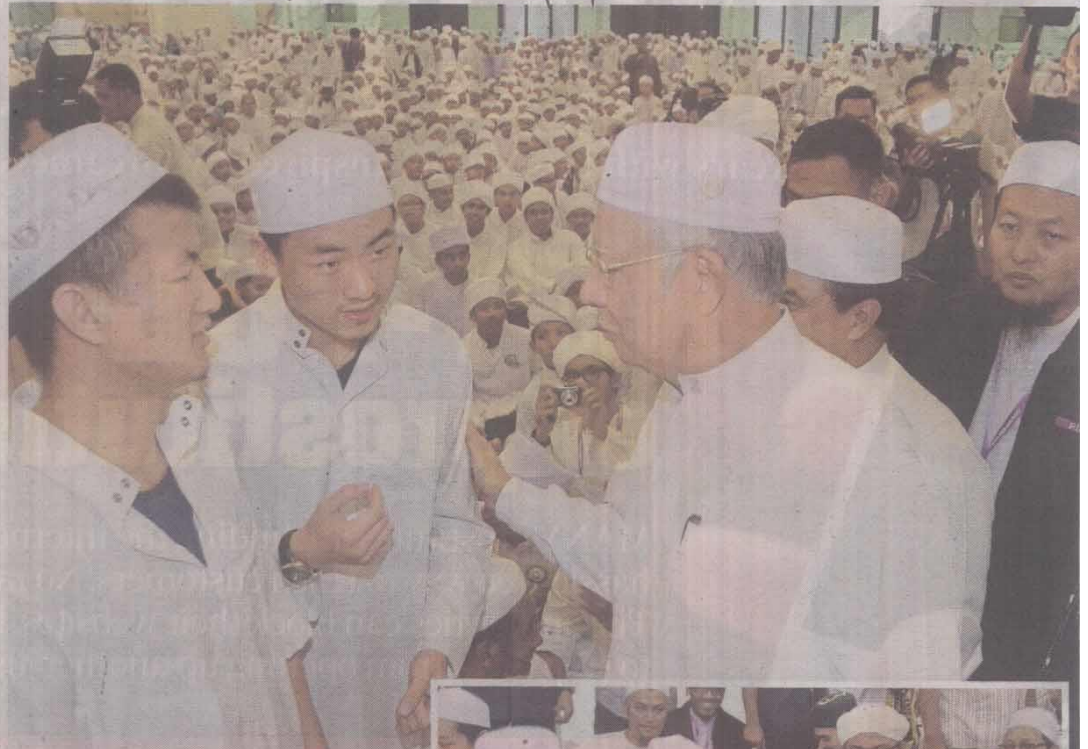
"This is to ensure that this isn't just a government policy, but one that is born from the needs and requirements of these madrasah."

He was speaking after launching the National Organisation of al-Quran Tahfiz Associations (Pintar) at the Federal Territory Mosque here. Present was Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom.

"This is not just to ensure that the country is an Islamic nation that embraces the holiness of Islam.

"We also want to eradicate all notions of extremism that present themselves as Islam but are not part of this religion," said Najib.

Najib also announced a govern-



Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** meeting attendees at the launch of the **National Organisation of al-Quran Tahfiz Associations** at the Federal Territory Mosque in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. (Inset) Najib with Pas Youth chief **Nik Mohamad Abduh Nik Abdul Aziz** (second from left) and Pas information chief **Nasrudin Hassan Tantawi** (third from left) at the function.
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ment grant of RM10,000 to each Pintar state affiliate while Yayasan IMDB would sponsor 10 representatives of Pintar to perform the haj this year.

