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PM: Govt must fulfil people's needs

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BN WIN: All the more reason to serve Sarawak people better, says Najib

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THE outcome of the just-concluded Sarawak state election reflects increasing support of the people in Sarawak for Barisan Nasional and the BN-led government, Datuk Seri Najib Razak said yesterday.

He said with such a mandate from the people, it was all the more necessary for the civil service and its officers to keep in touch with the pulse of the people.

The agenda of the government is to fulfil the needs of the people, including in Sarawak and Sabah, which are extensive states that demand more time and high costs, he said.

"We can consider solutions such as the provision of roads that meet the standards of the Public Works Department and all longhouses being equipped with a network of pipelines and micro hydro systems.

"These are examples that we can think of. Depriving the people of these facilities and services is not an alternative and we cannot deny them basic amenities. This is morally wrong," he said at the Prime Minister's Department monthly gathering here yesterday.

Civil servants, Najib said, must work hard to



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, ministers and deputy ministers of the Prime Minister's Department observing a moment of silence in Putrajaya yesterday for the victims of the helicopter crash that killed six people in Sebuyau, Sarawak, on Thursday. Pic by Fariz Iswadi Ismail

bridge the existing developmental divide by executing the government's plans and goals.

"We have shown that we have plans, execute and deliver them. The implementation of development plans must be felt until the grassroots level," he said.

Following the landslide win in the Sarawak election, the prime minister reminded that all that have been promised must be fulfilled.

"Five years will fly by fast and the people in Sarawak will appraise us again. The people must see that promises are fulfilled and what was said is the truth," he said.

BN won 72 seats in the recent 11th Sarawak election, DAP seven, and PKR three.

Earlier, there was a moment of silence at the gathering for the victims of the helicopter crash that killed six people, including Deputy

Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Datuk Noriah Kasnon. The others were Noriah's husband, Asmuni Abdullah, Kuala Kangsar member of parliament Datuk Wan Mohammad Khairil Anuar Wan Ahmad, Plantation Industries and Commodities Ministry secretary-general Datuk Dr Sundaran Annamalai, Noriah's bodyguard Ahmad Sobri Harun, and pilot Captain Rudolf Rex Ragas.