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# Focus on people's issues, says Najib

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PM calls on civil servants to prioritise transport, housing and cost of living

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**T**HE people must always be at the centre of all government policies, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday.

He called on civil servants to focus on people-centric issues or those listed in the key results areas, such as public transport, housing and cost of living.

"We should never let our focus waver on what matters the most,

which is the people. And, what we are doing is for the people, such as the public transport initiatives, including the Mass Rapid Transit and the High-Speed Rail projects, which will benefit the rakyat and country," he said at the Prime Minister's Department's Hari Raya celebration yesterday.

He was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Present were Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam and ministers in the Prime Minister's Department.

Such initiatives, the prime minister said, reflected Malaysia's ability to progress.

Najib stressed on the need to uphold the country's security at all cost because it had become a massive challenge nowadays.

He expressed hope that govern-

ment servants at all levels would continue to improve their work quality to ensure the nation had a bright future.

On yesterday's Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration, Najib said civil servants should use such a platform to strengthen relationships.

"I believe in this because whatever we do, we need one another to execute the government's policies."

Najib mingled with the more than 3,000 staff of the Prime Minister's Department who attended the event and visited 12 food stations at the Putrajaya International Conference Centre here.

Later, Najib presented Aidilfitri tithe worth RM3.82 million from the Federal Territory Islamic Council (MAIWP) to underprivileged groups involving some 25,000 people, including the poor and *mualaf* (converts), who are getting monthly aid from MAIWP.