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# NAJIB TO VISIT NEW RMAF BASE

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**T**HE Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) is set to give Malaysians a sneak peek of its new headquarters and academic and training centre in Bandar Sri Sendayan tomorrow.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak will visit the new base, which is under construction as part of the armed forces' asset modernisation initiative.

The base, RMAF chief General

Datuk Seri Affendi Buang said, was expected to be completed by year-end, eight months ahead of schedule.

He said the base was part of the relocation exercise from the Kuala Lumpur airbase in Sungai Besi, which would be developed into the Bandar Malaysia project.

The RMAF base in Bandar Sri Sendayan, however, will not have any runways.

"During the visit, the prime minister will be shown the highlights (of the new base) with RMAF's 500 units of affordable homes for personnel," said Affendi.

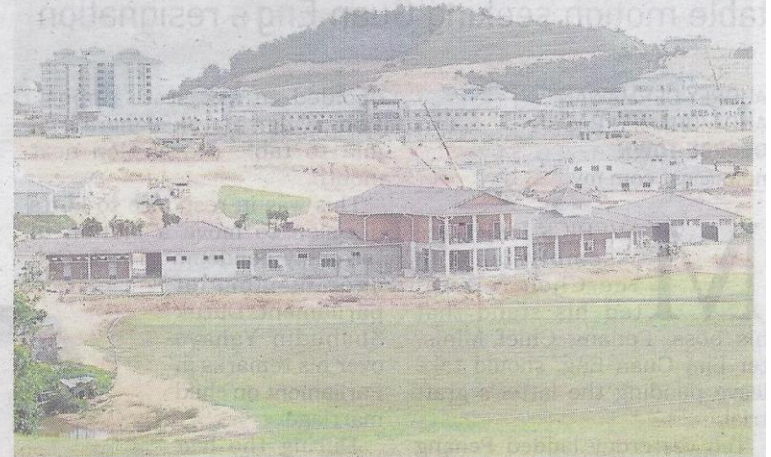
He said the new base would span 6.3 million sq ft, three times larger than the Kuala Lumpur base, making it the biggest of the RMAF's eight airbases, which include Subang, Kuantan, Butterworth and Gong Kedak.

"This base will provide officers and personnel with a modern, comfortable and well-equipped facility and housing quarters, complete with an Islamic learning centre and a recreational lake."

Affendi said the new RMAF centre would be a growth catalyst and give a spillover effect to its surrounding areas in Bandar Sri Sendayan, Seremban, Nilai and other towns in Negri Sembilan.

He said the new base was proof of the government's concern for the people by developing suburban areas so that the benefits could be felt together.

Affendi said the relocation of the airbase was timely as the 60-year-old base in Sungai Besi was no longer suitable for military operations as it was adjacent to the Kuala Lumpur-Seremban highway, posing a security and flight safety risk.



The Royal Malaysian Air Force's new headquarters in Bandar Sri Sendayan spans 6.3 million sq ft, which is three times larger than the Kuala Lumpur base.