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## Bumi agenda push will not trample on other races, vows Najib

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Efforts to uplift the bumiputra community will be done in tandem with protecting the legitimate rights of all Malaysians, assures the Prime Minister.

Speaking at the launch of the Transformasi Kesejahteraan Bumiputra (TKB) event here yesterday, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Government was mindful that the rights of Malaysians of other races will not be trampled on as the bumiputra agenda takes shape.

"Instead, it should be developed in tandem. The Government must protect the legitimate rights of all races that make up our country," he added.

The TKB, which will be in place until 2025, is the second phase of the Bumiputra Economic Transformation Roadmap (BETR) introduced in 2011.

It will focus on enhancing bumiputra businesses; strengthening human capital; increasing competitiveness; improving social mobility; and transforming the community's well-being.

The launch of the TKB was held alongside Driving the Bumiputra Agenda Exhibition 2017 organised by the Bumiputra Agenda Steering Unit.

Also present were Deputy Prime



**Positive response:** Najib shaking hands with Yayasan Sime Darby chairman Tun Musa Hitam (right) at the launch of Transformasi Kesejahteraan Bumiputra. Looking on are International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed (next to Musa) and Agriculture and Agro-Based Industries Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek (in blue suit).

Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and other Cabinet ministers.

Najib pledged a united government in the grand effort to reach the targeted national goals.

"Along with Dr Ahmad Zahid and the Cabinet, for the sake of the Malays, bumiputra and all Malaysians, we will be united and

speak with one voice to continue the struggle of developing the country," he said.

Najib explained that the emphasis on helping the bumiputra was justified as they now made up 68.6% of the country's 31.7 million population.

By 2030, he said the bumiputra were projected to form 70.7% of

the population.

At the event, Teraju launched a book listing BETR's achievements and outlining some of the targets for the second phase.

These included achieving a monthly income of RM5,000 for the bumiputra over the next five years, encompassing both wage and non-wage incomes.