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Nod for group insurance scheme

Cabinet also approves discount card for village committee members

KUALA LUMPUR: The Cabinet has approved a group insurance scheme for 265,000 village committee members as well as a discount card for them.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Cabinet has approved the scheme proposed by the Rural and Regional Development Ministry last week for the Village Development and Security Committee (JKKK), Federal Village Development and Security Committee (JKKKP) and JKKK orang asli.

He said this had been approved for those who started their service from January 2016.

"The Government will contribute RM10 for each committee member per year while each of the members will contribute RM7," he added.

The insurance will provide a compensation of RM5,000 for death by accident and RM2,500 for death as a result of natural causes, he said in his speech during the JKKK/JKKKP and Desa Perdana Awards ceremony yesterday.

The JKKK discount card, which Najib launched, will provide discounts for the purchase of groceries, school supplies and agricultural products, lodging, and express bus service.

Najib said he not only wanted the village committees to focus their work in the rural areas but also to launch Malaysia's development forward as aspired under Transformasi Nasional 2050.

He said the other role of the village committee was to correct the people's perceptions.

He also accused the Opposition of twisting facts and making the Government a victim of the game.

He noted that the new battlefield is social media.

"What is our role in the village in fighting this new dimension? How do we fight the war of perceptions? How do we read the heart of the people and do what should be done and not be done?" he told the 11,000 delegates.

He cited the oil price for instance, saying that it was beyond the Government's or any country's control.

"But in Malaysia, when the world oil price goes up, the Prime Minister is blamed.

"But when the price is down, detractors are quiet about it.

"But when the oil palm price goes up, why don't they thank the PM? This is a political game," he said.

Najib also took a swipe at the Opposition.



All for a good cause: Najib sharing a light moment with some of the representatives, including Naza Corporation Holding group executive SM Nasarudin SM Nasimuddin (far left), of 16 companies that donated cattle for Hari Raya Aidiladha in Putrajaya. Looking on is Pekan Umno division secretary Datuk Ahmad Aazmey Abu Talib (second left).

"DAP will be in total control and they do not have the interests of the people in the rural areas.

"That is why we must understand that the Government we have today is based on the principles of continuity and political stability and this will guarantee the future," he said.

Earlier, in Putrajaya, Najib

received 793 heads of cattle to be distributed to mosques and *surau* for the Hari Raya Aidiladha sacrificial slaughter.

Sixteen corporations contributed the animals, of which 458 are meant for the Pekan parliamentary constituency.

The donors include Naza Corporation Holdings, Sapura

Holdings, Maju Holdings, JL99 Group, GIG Technology Holdings, Roadcare, and Ahmad Zaki Resources.

Others are Bumi Borneo Highway, Zetra Aerospace Corporation, Boustead Naval Shipyard, Wekajaya, AJ Aeroservices, SN Akmida Holdings, DRB-Hicom, HelTech Padu, and Icah.

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