

**Selangor Yet To Approve Land For Felda Housing Project - Najib
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KUALA KUBU BAHARU, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the housing project for the second generation of Felda settlers at Kampung Felda Soeharto has yet to be implemented because it has not received land approval from the Selangor state government.

The Prime Minister said he deeply regretted that the project which was launched by him personally during the Hulu Selangor parliamentary by-election in April last year involving more than 200 housing units on a 12-hectare land had been stalled.

"The project was stalled because although the land belonged to Felda, it had to be given back to the state government for sub-division. This has not been approved by the state government until now," said Najib, who is also the Selangor Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, when addressing the crowd at the Gathering of Felda Settlers at Felda Gedangsa in Hulu Selangor, Friday.

"I can't do anything more as they have rejected the application. The application for the (Felda) second generation has been rejected by the state government," said the Prime Minister.

He said the action by the Selangor government, led by the Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), to reject the application was politically motivated as it did not want to see BN reaping the benefits although the project was in the interest of the second generation of Felda settlers.

"There is nothing that I nor the BN can do except to give an indication to all of you...if you want the project, if you want a better future, make a change," he said.

He said the change that must be made during the next general election was to set up a state government that truly wanted to build a better future for the people.

Najib said he was not surprised at the attitude of the Selangor state government because, he said, previously the PKR government had also rejected the application by the Yayasan Basmi Kemiskinan (Poverty Eradication Foundation) to build a Universiti Teknologi MARA campus in Serendah to the extent that it had to be shifted to Melaka.

"This is the actual situation. I am explaining it so that the people would not say that I have reneged on my promise or that Felda has not fulfilled the promise (made) at the by-election," he said.

Najib said it was up to the settler community to do something according to the law and what was most important was to support the Barisan Nasional during the next general election.

The Prime Minister said the BN would fulfill the promises made during the general election, for example the RM84 million Sungai Buaya Exchange which was promised during the Hulu Selangor by-election was now being implemented.

At the gathering, Najib announced the projects to be implemented by Felda worth RM1.1 million, of which RM200,000 was for the construction of a children's playground and outdoor exercise at Felda Gedangsa, Soeharto, Sungai Tenggi, Sungai Tenggi Selatan.

A sum of RM600 million was allocated by FELDA to upgrade the commercial area at Felda Soeharto and Gedangsa; RM150,000 to upgrade the drainage at Felda Gedangsa while another RM150,000 was for the construction of a youth activity centre at Felda Gedangsa.

In addition, Najib said the Federal Government was allocating RM3 million to build a new mosque at Felda Sungai Tenggi.

On the request by the Hulu Selangor community that the road linking Sungai Tenggi to Tanjung Malim and Rawang be upgraded, he said the project costing RM300 million would be reviewed and included in the Selangor BN Manifesto later.

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