

**Najib Gives Thumbs-Up To Restaurant's 1Malaysia People's Menu
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today praised the taste and quality of the food served at a restaurant participating in the 1Malaysia People's Menu programme.

The prime minister expressed his satisfaction after spending almost half an hour, enjoying lunch of rice with ayam masak merah, ayam masak kicap, daging goreng, fried taugoh and papadom at Restoran Ukhwah in Lorong Medan Tuanku, here.

Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Ismail Sabri Yaakob, who accompanied Najib, said: "The prime minister came just to eat....he wanted to taste the food eaten by ordinary folk.

"He also wanted to find out whether the lunch menu served at RM4 and breakfast at RM2 under the programme were really of quality."

He said Najib's lunch experience at the restaurant also proved wrong the perception of some quarters that cheap food at eateries participating in the programme were of low quality.

"The ministry is always monitoring for the quality of food served...the prime minister praised the food served just now, which he said was delicious and of quality.

"I think the prime minister was very happy to taste what the ordinary people eat on a daily basis and it also shows his concern for the people's welfare," Ismail Sabri said.

The 1Malaysia People's Menu programme was launched on July 7, aimed at lessening the people's daily expenses while enabling them to enjoy breakfast at the ceiling price of RM2 and lunch at the maximum of RM4.

Ismail Sabri said the programme had received encouraging response with the target of 1,000 restaurants by the year-end achieved earlier when 1,004 participated in the programme nationwide.

Of the total, Perak has recorded the highest number with 152, followed by Selangor (137), Terengganu (123), Kedah (104), Pahang (103), Sarawak (64), Penang (61), Johor and Sabah (52), Kuala Lumpur (46), Kelantan (41), Negeri Sembilan (34), Melaka (18), Perlis (12), Labuan (3) and Putrajaya (2).

Ismail Sabri said for public convenience, the ministry would advertise the list of the participating eateries in the newspapers tomorrow.

He hoped more eateries would participate in the programme but the condition is that they must served balanced meals.

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