

**Rawang Town Turns Up To Greet Najib At Walkabout**  
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RAWANG, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Saturday went on a walkabout in this town where he was greeted by thousands of people, many of them attired in Barisan Nasional (BN) T-shirts and caps and 1Malaysia T-shirts.

The prime minister apologised for having arrived late to meet the people, and said he was moved by their patience and the warm welcome they accorded him.

Addressing the crowd, Najib elaborated on the salient points of Budget 2012 which he tabled in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday, and said he would want to see how the opposition would react after the BN government had implemented all the budget proposals next year.

The opposition political parties had been critical of Budget 2012 which provides for a total of RM232.8 billion to implement all government development plans, saying it was unrealistic.

Najib said Budget 2012 was extraordinary and historic in the sense that for the first time in the country's history, primary and secondary students will no longer pay any fees for their education from next year.

"This is my dream. We will build a Malaysia which is not only progressive but practises a modern and functional democracy, a model for other nations in terms of economic, social and political development," he said.

Najib said the most important thing for the government was to fulfil the responsibilities outlined in the 1Malaysia concept justly based on the Federal Constitution and "Rukun Negara" (National Ideology).

"This is the Barisan Nasional government, a government which always puts the people first. It is not merely a slogan but a promise that is put into practice by the BN government," he said to tremendous applause from the people who had been waiting for his arrival from 1.30 pm.

Najib arrived at 3.45 pm, after attending meet-the-people sessions in Ijok and Kundang since this morning.

At the event, an announcement was made on payment of compensation of RM215,000 each to 39 traders affected by the development of the expressway corridor of the New Klang Valley Expressway in Rawang.

Upon arrival at Rawang old town, Najib was greeted by Selangor Umno Liaison Committee deputy chairman Datuk Seri Noh Omar, MIC president Datuk G. Palanivel, Selangor MCA chairman Senator Datuk Donald Lim Siang Chai and Selangor BN leaders.

After the walkabout, Najib, who is also BN chairman, boarded a bus to Taman Prima Seri Gombak, the final location of his day-long visit to Selangor.

At Taman Prima Seri Gombak, located in the Gombak Setia state constituency, he also

elaborated on his budget speech, saying the BN government had long implemented welfare programmes unlike certain quarters which wanted to introduce the concept only now.

He cited a proposal in Budget 2012 to pay RM500 to households which earn less than RM3,000 a month.

The prime minister also announced an allocation of RM1.2 million to repaint the Taman Samudera Flats in Seri Gombak. He also handed over donations to people going on the Haj pilgrimage and low-income families.

Explaining his visit to Ijok, Najib said the state seat was held by Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim of PKR and that the BN wanted to recapture it.

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