

RM1m education aid for kids of ex-cops
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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak announced several initiatives to help former police officers, including a RM1 million fund for the education of their children.

He said the fund from the 1Malaysian Development Bhd Foundation would be given to various former policemen's associations.

The associations will determine the amount and criteria for the disbursement of the fund.

"This is just an initial fund, which may be increased as needed in the future," he said at a gathering with retired and former police officers yesterday.

Najib said the initiatives were put in place to address two key concerns among former policemen -- welfare and their children's education.

Other efforts, he said, included a proposal to increase the number of places for former policemen's children at Mara Junior Science Colleges and science schools as well as several projects to improve the Royal Malaysian Police Cooperative.

He said plans were also under way to establish a dedicated unit, either at the Home Ministry or the police force, to look into retired police officers' needs, such as housing and employment.

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