

**BN Government Fulfils Promise To Build Mini Sports Complex In Bagan Serai**  
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BAGAN SERAI, Jan 14 (Bernama) -- The long wait for a mini sports complex for the people of Kampung Masjid Tinggi, here is finally over when the government approved an allocation of RM4.5 million for its development.

The good news was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak in his short speech at a 1Malaysia feast at Jalan Banjar in the village Saturday.

He said the promise to build the complex was made when Datuk Azalina Othman Said was the Minister of Youth and Sports several years ago but it had to be postponed due to the problem of land acquisition.

"Actually, I have a debt to the people here...the debt of building a sports complex promised by Datuk Azalina.

"In the past, we stopped the application because of the problem of land, but today I confirm and told the ICU (Implementation Coordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Department) that the construction of the RM4.5 million would proceed," he said to loud applause from the more than 5,000 crowd present.

Also present was Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir.

The Prime Minister, who was making his first visit to the village, also announced an allocation of RM250,000 for the Maahad Tahfiz Al-Akhlak Al-Islamiah located opposite the venue of the gathering.

Najib also approved an allocation of RM80,000 for the Galeri Banjar at the junction leading to Jalan Banjar, here, which is believed to be the first of its kind in Malaysia.

"The ICU said I could approve another RM80,000 for the gallery. Although I am from the Bugis community, I still approve the allocation...it's alright, I still approve it," he said.

The Prime Minister said that the practice of going down on the ground had helped him a lot in appreciating, understanding and subsequently resolving the problems faced by the community.

He said such an approach had given him a different satisfaction instead of him remaining in Putrajaya to make plans for the country.

"If I sit down in an air-conditioned room in Putrajaya and draw up plans for the country, it is not the same as rolling up my sleeve and getting down on the ground to meet the people.

"...Alhamdulillah, in this manner, I was able to resolve many problems," he said.

Earlier, Najib, who had arrived from a programme in Parit Buntar, stopped by to perform his Zohor prayer at the Masjid Al-Athar together with about 500 congregators.

After the prayer, Najib and Zambry, together with the other congregators walked to the 'Kenduri Rakyat' or feast about 300 metres from the mosque.

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