

PM: Hard for YBK to implement programme under S'gor Pakatan govt
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SHAH ALAM: Yayasan Basmi Kemiskinan (YBK) will find it hard to fully implement its new five-year transformation programme under the current Selangor state government, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the programme was "conditional", as the poverty eradication foundation would need to get back the 473ha of land in Serendah seized by the state government in 2010 to fund its programmes.

He said this Tuesday in his speech at the launch of the programme, which coincided with YBK's 22th anniversary.

YBK was initiated by the Barisan Nasional-led state government to conduct poverty eradication programmes in 1990, by then Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhd Taib.

"Why was a caveat placed on the land? It is because the Selangor Menteri Besar (Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim) wanted to be YBK chairman. When he did not get his wish, the land was seized and a caveat was placed on it," said Najib.

The state government had announced that it seized the land after YBK failed to pay the quit rent for several years.

Najib said YBK's transformation programme was closely linked to the political transformation plan in Selangor.

"The future of YBK depends on Barisan taking over the Selangor state government," he said, as he recounted his message to tenants of PKNS Complex in Shah Alam a few months ago.

He said the tenants had asked him to buy over the complex after the state government, through the Selangor State Development Corporation (PKNS), increased the rental by 100%.

"I told them, rather than we take over the complex, it is easier for Barisan to take over the state," he said.

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