

PM announces additional RM30mil allocation for orang asli
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TAPAH: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak brought cheer to the *orang asli* when he announced an additional allocation of RM30mil for the community nationwide.

This was on top of the RM15mil the Government had approved for them through the 1MDB Foundation, the Prime Minister said.

"As the indigenous people of this country, they are entitled to enjoy our progress," he said, adding that it was his hope that the community be integrated into the country's mainstream development.

During a meet-the-people session at Kampung Woh, Najib expressed concern over the high dropout rate among *orang asli* children in primary schools.

The current 29% rate was unacceptable and should be lowered, he said.

"You can continue with your traditions but please do not remove your children from schools because we want to see more doctors, engineers and lawyers from the community," he said, adding that bright *orang asli* children would be given scholarships.

At another event in Beruas, Najib said the Barisan Nasional government had proven that it had "put the people first" by giving back the country's wealth to them.

Due to the good management of the economy, he said the country's revenue had increased and was enjoyed by the people through various forms of aid.

"We would not have been able to give all this if the country's economy has not been managed well," he said.

He also announced an allocation of RM2mil each for the construction of a mosque in Changkat Cermin, SJKC Tit Bin, and to build a hall for the Indian community.

Later, when opening a new building for SJKC Wan Hwa (2) in Menglembu, Najib said despite differences in faith, there were common values which could strengthen racial unity.

"We should focus on common values that unite the nation," he said.

Najib also announced that the Perak government had approved a 1ha land for the school while the Federal Government had pledged RM300,000.

In Buntong, Najib reminded the Indian community not to be taken in by the Opposition's promises.

"Do not be fooled by them again (but) believe in my leadership," he said, adding that he planned to lead the country to be a fully-developed nation by 2020.

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