

**Najib: Fuel subsidy raised by 10% to keep RON 95 at RM1.90**  
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PETALING JAYA: The Government increased its petrol subsidy by almost 10% to ensure the price of RON 95 remains at RM1.90 per litre, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

In his latest post on his blog *www.1malaysia.gov.my*, the Prime Minister said the Government, besides proposing a supplementary budget, would also have to increase its investment through the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) to balance off the extra expenditure.

"Transportation costs make up a considerable proportion of the rakyat's daily expenses, particularly for the urbanites. The onus is on the Government to slow down and manage the ever escalating fuel cost without jeopardising other budgeted expenditures on development.

"At the same time, the world economy is experiencing recession, mainly attributed to the Euro zone crisis and the US. It is my incumbent duty to mitigate the impact of such global downturn on Malaysians, as well as to maintain persistent economic growth at the same time," the premier wrote.

Najib added that the Government was working hard to improve public transportation to reduce the people's dependency on petrol and provide a good, viable alternative mode of transport to private vehicles.

"To date, 38 new sets of EMUs six-carriage commuter trains have been purchased under the Urban Public Transport NKRA to improve the KTM commuter services. The two-coach Kelana Jaya LRT is now supplemented with new fleets of four-coach multiple units, and rail track extensions are also in the process.

"Long-distance travellers can also make use of the new double-track ETS train services which now run from Seremban to Ipoh, and to Penang and Perlis in the near future," he said.

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