

Sabah Now No Longer Poorest State, Says Najib
Bernama
February 17, 2012

LAHAD DATU, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- Sabah, which for the most parts was governed by the Barisan Nasional (BN), experienced major changes in its development and economic landscape since it attained independence through Malaysia in 1963, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said compared to before, Sabah now was no longer the poorest state in the country and in fact had huge potential to surge forward.

"Then (in 1963) probably more that 70 per cent of the people could be said to be poor, hardcore poor and destitute. However, Sabah now is no longer the poorest state in the country.

"According to statistics, the average per capita income of Sabah now lies in the middle when compared to the richest and poorest states," he said when launching the Mini Estate Sejahtera (MESEJ) project at Kampung Nala, Tungku, about 60 kilometres from here, today.

Najib said this was the outcome of the national development agenda which was clear and effective and now included the National Transformation Programme that would bring about a brighter change for the future of the people.

"We launched the National Transformation Programme because we wanted to change everything, like this Kampung Nala (which previously was only a mangrove swamp).

---BERNAMA

Copyright © 2012 BERNAMA

Source:<http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v6/newsindex.php?id=646319>