

Najib: RM211.6 Million To Bolster Islamic Agenda In Federal Territories
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PUTRAJAYA, April 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced an allocation of RM211.6 million to bolster and uphold Islamic agenda in the Federal Territories.

The allocation includes RM157 million for the construction of mosques, surau and religious primary schools to meet the requirements of the three Federal Territories -- Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan.

The Federal Territories Islamic Religious Council would allocate RM20 million for the repair of mosques, surau and religious primary schools, the prime minister said.

"We hope that with this allocation, the religious community in the Federal Territories will be able to fulfil their obligations in a much better way," he said at the Federal Territories Qaryah/Religious Group Gathering with the Prime Minister at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC), here.

To ensure religious education continued to be strengthened, Najib said, RM3.78 million would be channelled as payment for teachers of Kafa and religious primary schools run by the Federal Territory Islamic Religious Council.

In looking after the welfare of Muslim converts, he said, the government allocated RM19.8 million to build the Darul Hidayah Complex, while another RM5.23 million would be allocated for the upkeep of a Muslim cemetery in Kuala Lumpur.

A total of RM2.07 million would be utilised to promote activities in mosques and surau as "the heart of the community" in the Federal Territories.

To appreciate the commitment of mosque and surau administrators, he said, RM1.88 million would be paid to imam ratib as well as to bilal and noja assistants in mosque and Friday surau this year.

Najib said RM1.06 million would also be allocated to enliven the mosque and surau surrounding while RM821,100 would be paid to mosque and Friday surau committees in appreciation of their deed and contribution.

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