

**Quantum Leap In Development Needs People's Support - Najib  
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JULAU (Sarawak), June 3 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) government has planned a quantum leap in development for the country and needs undivided support from the people to carry it out, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He also said that the BN government would also continue and step up the ongoing development programmes to generate a major transformation in the interior areas.

"No other party has a track record of developing the rural areas other than the Barisan Nasional," he said during a visit to the Jana Saweng longhouse in Batu Matup here in conjunction with the "Gawai" harvest festival.

Najib said the grand welcome accorded to him portrayed the solid support of the people for the BN.

He also said that the "Gawai" visit was his approach of giving preference to the people. Najib said a state-level "Gawai" celebration could only be attended by a section of the people.

"We do it by giving preference to the people. It is not all of you folks attending a government official function but I have come to your longhouse," he said.

The prime minister was accorded a traditional Iban welcome complete with the "miring" and "bebiau" ritual to seek blessings.

Najib also took part in the "tarian ngajat" performance, a traditional dance of the Dayak community in Sarawak.

About 4,000 people thronged the longhouse for the "Gawai" festival with the prime minister.

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