

Najib Says Considering Second BR1M Payment
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KULIM, June 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said he is looking into a proposal to make a second payment of the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M).

"I am considering it," he said when addressing more than 30,000 people at the "Promises Fulfilled" tour at the Kulim Hi-Tech Park, here.

Najib said BRIM was one of the promises made by the Barisan Nasional (BN) government to reduce the financial burden of the people.

A sum of RM500 was paid to every household earning less than RM3,000 a month, as provided for under Budget 2012, with the government spending more than RM2 billion to distribute the payment to 4.7 million households.

Najib said the BN government was one which could guarantee important matters for the people, such as peace, stability and harmony.

"Today, I see many people gathered here, but the police are happy. They are not worried; there's no necessity to use the shield. Over there (in Kuala Lumpur), they caused chaos and attacked the police (in reference to the Bersih 3.0 rally on April 28). Can we rely on them (the opposition) to take care of the country?" he said.

Najib said Malaysians do not like chaos because they are prosperous, unlike many of the people of the Arab Spring countries where revolutions took place.

He said Malaysia had the capacity to achieve a good growth rate and for its civil servants to enjoy salary increases owing to an efficient BN government administration.

In contrast, civil servants in the United States and some countries of Europe did not get any salary rise and some saw their pay being slashed instead, he said.

Najib also said that a certain leader had quoted a "fatwa" (edict) of Yusuf Al Qaradawi that unjust governments must be overthrown, but this did not apply to Malaysia because the government is not unjust.

"In Malaysia, we do not have an unjust government. The Internal Security Act (ISA) is no more. We have laws governing peaceful gatherings. Anyone can gather, so long as they do it peacefully, the opposition included," he said.

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