

RM43m duit raya for Felda settlers

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BRIGHT RAMADAN: Najib says windfall an appreciation of their contributions

SIK: PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak announced a RM43.2 million "duit raya" for all 112,635 Felda settlers in the country.

He said the windfall, an annual allocation for the settlers since 2003, was also in appreciation of their contributions to Felda's development.

Of the total, 91.9 per cent or 103,597 settlers would receive RM400 each, while the remaining 9,038 settlers would receive RM200 each. The latter comprises settlers who do not sell their agricultural products to Felda.

Najib, who was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, was here yesterday to launch the annual Felda national-level "Rahmat Ramadan" at SK Bandar Baru Beris Jaya.

"For the first time, we are holding this event outside a Felda settlement.

"This is simply because we want to share the success of Felda with others and Kampung Beris Jaya folk are a lucky lot," he said to a crowd of 10,000 who attended a breaking of fast event with him.

Najib also announced a RM951,000 allocation for Ramadan-related activities for Felda settlers, RM792,500 for Felda mosque committees and another RM540,000 for all 317 Felda schemes.

He said the government and Barisan Nasional always lived up to its word.

"We don't make empty promises or simply promise things to fish for votes.

"All these that I have announced are promises that we have made and are living up to."

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