

**PM: Rela in hot areas**  
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KUALA TERENGGANU: The Prime Minister has backed the plan to place Rela personnel at car parks to improve security.

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said Rela members should also be stationed in public areas such as malls, schools and other hotspots where there were high incidents of snatch thefts.

"When we place Rela members at shopping mall car parks, it will create a sense of safety among the public with uniformed personnel around them," he said.

Najib added that there was a perception among many in the country that crime has worsened.

In reality, though, the country was much safer with improved security, he said, adding that some quarters thought otherwise because of information being spread easily via social media sites on the Internet.

He said that with information readily available, crime incidents were reported in "real time" and not just by the media.

"Previously, not many would know if a crime occurred but these days it can become viral and reported real time.

"That is why the (crime) situation is considered worrying. When we say that crime is on the decline, people question this based on what they follow on the Internet," he said during a meeting with state Rela personnel here yesterday.

Najib said this scenario of "too much information" presented a new challenge to the authorities.

He said there needed to be a more effective approach in tackling this new challenge but assured that there would no censorship of the Internet.

In DUNGUN, Najib said education had proven to be the main weapon to counter poverty and this was why the Barisan Nasional would strive to provide opportunities for the people.

Poverty should never be a hindrance for someone to be success-ful, he said when launching the "Changing Destiny" programme for UiTM students nationwide.

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