

Youths can rely on Govt
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KUALA LUMPUR: Young Malaysians can rest assured that the Government will give them the best opportunities to succeed through its systematic transformation plans.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the country's youths could rely on the Government for a better future through the various initiatives to move the country forward.

"We are all (working) for you and we want our youths to be prepared to face the challenges and uncertainties of the future.

"Behind the principle of 1Malaysia, aside from instilling unity among the races, we will conduct programmes that will allow the youths to express themselves so they can reach their highest potential," he told 500 youth leaders when closing the Youth Leadership Convention at Parliament House yesterday.

The event, which gathered student representatives from private and public institutions of higher learning, was earlier opened by his deputy Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Najib said the Government had introduced reforms to allow for greater democracy in line with universal human rights and civil liberties.

However, he added, the country's security would not be allowed to be compromised.

At another event, Najib said Malaysia's transformation programmes would lead it to become the first Muslim nation to attain the status of a developed and high-income nation.

"We have transformed Malaysia from an agriculture-based economy to an industrial one.

"When we continue with the process of Islah (transformation), Malaysia will become the first Muslim nation which will attain developed and high-income nation status," the Prime Minister said at a gathering of imams and mosque committee members in Serdang, near here.

He said that while the people were free to voice differing views, it should be done at the right platform and according to the law.

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