

Hari Raya bonus payment depends on govt capability, says Najib
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PEKAN: Bonus payment for civil servants in conjunction with Hari Raya will depend on the capability of the Government.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak told reporters here that he would have to look at the "accounts book" of the Government first concerning the matter.

He had been asked to comment on the request for a bonus by Cuepacs after presenting the second phase of windfall to Felda Chini recipients yesterday.

"Wait for it, we will have to look at the accounts book first," he said.

On another matter, Najib said Barisan Nasional had yet to finalise its list of candidates for the coming general election.

"The list will be finalised when the time comes. Everything else is just speculative now," he said.

Najib, who is Umno president and Barisan chairman, said the list was still being studied.

"We are still flipping through the names, checking and checking again," he added.

On the payment to Felda women folk, Najib said they too deserved the windfall as they had worked equally hard on the land.

"Some people may say that Felda settlers are lucky but they do not know these settlers have led difficult lives.

"Back then, those who were not strong left Felda and now they are regretting it. They want to come back but they cannot because only the ones who have struggled through the obstacles can enjoy the benefits," said Najib.

During the ceremony, Najib, who is Pekan MP, also presented spectacles to his constituents, aprons for Ramadan bazaar traders and other goodies for mosques.

On Friday night, during a visit to Kampung Ketapang near here, Najib praised the villagers for their united efforts in beautifying the village mosque.

He said what the villagers did, including making the mosque the centre of various people-oriented activities, should be emulated by others.

"They have beautified the mosque and turned it into a centre of Islamic-based activities through their own effort," he said.

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