

Parliament: Awareness Programmes For Young Vital To Strengthen Family Institution - Najib Bernama October 01, 2012

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said Monday making it legally binding for children to provide maintenance to their parents would only tarnish the bond of kinship.

The prime minister said that as such the government gave priority to awareness programmes to foster responsibility towards the family in the young generation so as to strengthen the family institution.

He said 8,282 such programmes were carried out between 2006 and last August to instil the feeling of responsibility in the young so as to respect and appreciate the sacrifices of their parents.

"Thus, there will be a consciousness in them to discharge their responsibility to their parents and not neglect them," he said in a written reply to a question from Karpal Singh (DAP-Bukit Gelugor) in the Dewan Rakyat.

Najib, who is also Women, Family and Community Development Minister, said the need to introduce such laws had to be looked at from various angles, particularly the financial capability of an individual.

"Such laws may tarnish the bond of kinship between parents and children. It is more important to foster awareness through family education programmes which have to be given emphasis, particularly in the young generation," he said.

Najib said 898,807 individuals had participated in these family education programmes organised by the National Population and Family Development Board.

He also said that from this November, the National Family Day held on Nov 11 annually would be extended to encompass month-long Family Month celebrations.

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