

PM Announces Underwater Electric Cable Project From Kuah To Pulau Tuba
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LANGKAWI, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced a RM45 million underwater electric cable project spanning four kilometers from Kuah to Pulau Tuba, today.

The project, which was expected to be completed 18 months from now, would resolve the frequent electricity disruptions in Pulau Tuba, he said.

"The cabinet has approved the allocation for the underwater cable project. There'll be two cables, one will be a spare. With this project, the electricity capacity will be sufficient for the next 15 years," he said at a gathering with the residents of the island Wednesday.

Najib said the government would also repair the existing bridge which connected Pulau Dayang Bunting and Pulau Tuba.

On a separate note, Najib expressed confidence that Pulau Tuba would still be a strong fort for Barisan Nasional (BN) in the coming general election, with more than 90 percent of the voters there supporting the central government.

"In 2004, 93.7 percent of the voters supported BN, while in 2008 it went down a bit at 83.4 percent. But if this is the picture (referring to the overwhelming turn out at the gathering today) then we're confident of regaining the 93 percent level at least, at the coming general election whether held this year or next year," he said.

The Prime Minister also opened a 1Malaysia Clinic on the island during his one-day working visit to Kedah today.

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