

Superbikers are a caring lot, says Najib
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PUTRAJAYA: The ride by 438 superbikers in a convoy around the peninsular can help change public perception of them being an elitist group, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said this was because they carried out various social works during their 1,828km journey.

"They did cleaning work, visited the sick and helped the poor, which has been very meaningful to the local communities," he said at the closing of the 1Malaysia Bike Week (1MBW) here yesterday.

"It shows that this group is made up of citizens who love their country, want to serve society and contribute to the nation's well-being."

The 1MBW began in Johor Baru on Tuesday.

Najib said such rides would make Malaysians appreciate and love the country more.

"They could see the country in a different light or a new perspective, making them love it even more," he said.

"They would also realise the good network of highways and roads built by the Government, balanced development between the rural and urban areas, peace and harmony among the multiracial populace and the natural, green environment.

"Seeing these will make us appreciate and love our country more, make us want to contribute to it and protect what we have inherited all this while; as the new generation, we will strive together with the Government to create a brighter future for ourselves and the nation," he added.

Najib said Malaysia also had the potential to become a hub for superbike gatherings in the region.

He said after experiencing the joy of riding on a superbike, he understood why owners of such machines always looked forward to a convoy ride.

"I have had no experience in riding a motorcycle before. The ride gave me a new, sweet experience even to a person who is about 60.

"Now I know that riding such a machine can bring a lot of joy," he added.

He later joined a convoy of some 5,000 riders on an 18km trip around the federal administration centre.

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