

Najib: Law on caring for parents won't help
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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said yesterday making it legally binding for children to provide maintenance to their parents would only tarnish the bond of kinship.

Najib said as such, the government was giving priority to awareness programmes to foster responsibility among the younger generation so as to strengthen the family institution.

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

"Therefore, there will be a consciousness in them to discharge their responsibility towards 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 points of view, particularly in terms of the financial capability of an individual.

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