

**BR1M 2.0 Proves Government Champion In Administering Country, Managing Economy - Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 2 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the distribution of the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) proved the Barisan Nasional government was a champion in administering the country and managing the economy.

The Prime Minister said the giving of BR1M for the second time (BR1M 2.0) by the government was due to the record tax exceeding RM125 billion collected by the Inland Revenue Board last year.

"BR1M is one of the promises of the BN government to the people and it is fulfilled as the economy is well-managed. We can give BR1M as the economy continues to expand while traders both big and small are also reaping better profits.

"When this happens, the tax collected by the government increases and this is the real basis why BR1M can be implemented," he said at the launching of BR1M 2.0 for the Ampang and Pandan parliamentary constituencies here Saturday.

Najib, who is also the Finance Minister, said the facts needed to be clarified as the opposition was inciting the people to hate the government by alleging that the funds for BR1M 2.0 was collected among others from the Automatic Enforcement System (AES) that was implemented to fine traffic offenders.

Najib stressed that the people should not be swayed by unfounded stories or half-truths by the opposition which was out to create anger among the people against the government when in fact every incentive or gift announced was due to the efficiency of the government in managing and administering the country.

"There were allegations that by enforcing AES we could distribute BR1M. This is a false allegation made by the opposition. AES is not to tax the people, it is only to fine those who overspeed and this is still being studied," he said.

The global economic crisis had badly hit several European countries, said Najib, adding that Spain which is a world football power, however, could not be a champion in managing its economy.

"It does not matter Malaysia is not a world cup champion, but we are the champion in administering the country and help the people through increased tax collection," he said.

Touching on development in Selangor, Najib said he wanted the people to make a resolution to choose the state government from the same party which was administering the country now, which was the BN, in the coming general election.

Najib said the problems in Selangor especially the water issue was due to the different administrators in the federal and state governments.

He said the prolonged water supply crisis was due to the state government under the opposition coalition which placed too much hope on the federal government when they should resolve their own problem.

Najib said even though the state government was from a party different from the federal government, they should be aware that the water problem and the people's rights could not and should not be made political games.

Commenting further, he said the water supply issue was not a problem in Kedah and Penang as the state governments adhere to the agreement signed with the federal government compared to Selangor which was trying to politicise the issue, thereby creating problems for the people.

On another note, Najib censured the Selangor government in trying to push him on determining the general election date and said it would have not any effect in influencing his decision.

"There is no need to push me on the general election date by mentioning dissolution after Chap Goh Meh.. it is merely a guess.

"I know when is the time to see the Yang di-Pertuan Agong to dissolve Parliament. The time will come, soon. For the time being we focus on the 2013 Budget, which must be delivered," he added.

Recently Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim announced that the state government was prepared to dissolve the State Legislative Assembly after Chap Goh Meh if there were no indications from the federal government as to when Parliament would be dissolved.

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