

**Youths Should Respond To PM's Call By Engaging In Voluntary Activities - Rais
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JELEBU, Feb 3 (Bernama) -- The country's youths are urged to respond to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's call through the My Beautiful Malaysia programme by initiating voluntary activities to assist the local community.

Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim said this could be done by first identifying problems faced by the community and then organising social programmes such as gotong-royong to solve the problems.

"Each time, each of them can find two or three persons to assist in carrying out a programme. They (youth volunteers) can treat this as new branding of their struggle," he said after closing the Barisan Nasional Youth Blue Wave Expedition for the Jelevu parliamentary constituency at the Jelevu Community College Sunday.

Rais said the move could ensure continuity of the current leaders' struggles for the people in the future.

Speaking to reporters after the event, he said for the Jelevu constituency, the Umno division would mobilise its Youth wing to respond to the prime minister's call for volunteerism and as support to the transformation programme initiated by Najib.

Rais, who is also Jelevu member of parliament, said voluntary activities were important to inculcate good values in individuals such as being sensitive to the hardships faced by others.

He said his ministry would also draw up activities suitable for the My Beautiful Malaysia Programme and would repeat previous programmes such as the programme promoting courteous behaviour, "Budi Bahasa Budaya Kita".

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