

## **Najib Announces Additional 1,000 Motorcycles For URB**

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 30 (Bernama) -- The government has agreed to give a special allocation to purchase an additional 1,000 motorcycles for the Royal Malaysian Police's (PDRM) Motorcycle Patrol Unit (URB).

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the allocation for the second phase of the URB would be given after PDRM completed its training and identified the staff to be attached to the unit.

"Realising the effectiveness of the programme, the government will give a special allocation, that is an additional of 1,000 motorcycles, which will be mobilised in the very near future," he said when launching the URB in Subang Jaya Saturday.

Also present were Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar and Deputy Home Ministers Datuk Wira Abu Seman Yusop and Datuk Lee Chee Leong.

When tabling the 2013 Budget, Najib announced the setting up of the URB with an allocation of RM20 million and 1,000 motorcycles to carry out patrol in residential areas.

For a start, 560 Kawasaki Ninja 250R motorcycles equipped with built-in flash light and siren had been made available for the implementation of the programme in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Johor and Penang.

Najib said the URB team members were also encouraged to get to know the community where they were attached to so that crime prevention activities could be implemented more effectively.

"If they know the people, members of residents' association, housewives, houses prone to robbery and suspected individuals in the area, the impact of the programme will be huge.

"We don't have to wait for the people to lodge a police report because the URB team members will always be around at all time," he said.

The prime minister said the URB team should carry out patrol at all time, especially at night, and must also be equipped with effective communication device to enable them to respond faster and better.

"They can be the first to arrive at the scene, this will create a very high crime prevention value. With the URB in place, the respond time for each distress call will be reduced and more criminals will be busted," he said.

Najib said the URB team should also bring their policing activities closer to the people so there would not be a gap between the people and the police.

"The people should not look at the police as unreachable, let alone to be afraid of. When we introduced the people-friendly police force, the people's fear should be replaced by increased confidence," he said.

The prime minister said he was also proud with the efforts taken to combat crime under the Government Transformation Programme, which had resulted in reducing the crime rate by 27 per cent between 2009 and 2011.

Nevertheless, he said the efforts must always be intensified.

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