

**Four Years Of Building A Brighter Future - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 4 (Bernama) -- The core of the country's transformation is national unity irrespective of race or religious belief, with nobody should be left behind as the country moves ahead to developed nation status, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

In his www.1malaysia.com.my blog posting today, Najib said the concept of 1Malaysia was born together with various initiatives that benefit the people till this day.

"From housing and healthcare to food and education, you can find many 1Malaysia-themed programmes that provide affordable and quality services for all Malaysians," he said.

He said the Economic Transformation Programme had delivered real results in this regard, and while many countries remain mired in debt and low growth, Malaysia had raced ahead.

"Last year, for instance, our economy grew at an average rate of 5.6 per cent, bringing new jobs and prosperity to the people," he said.

On political transformation, Najib said since 2009, he had answered the people's calls for greater freedoms through a package of political reforms that represent the greatest increase in civil liberties since Independence.

"These include repealing the Internal Security Act, allowing greater student participation in politics, liberalising media laws and introducing the Peaceful Assembly Act. I also look forward to repealing the Sedition Act and replacing it with legislation more suited to our times," he said.

On global leadership, he said it was important for Malaysia to maintain strong ties with its allies and neighbours and to act as a positive influence in the world.

"In this regard, we have worked hard and in good faith to help encourage lasting peace in troubled parts of our region.

"And through the Global Movement of the Moderates, we have also tried to bridge the differences between East and West and show Islam in its true light, as a religion of peace. The Global Movement of the Moderates has been praised by leaders across the world, including (United States) President (Barack) Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron," he said.

Najib said new, online channels had also been opened to facilitate easier communication between the people and the government.

"Through Facebook and Twitter, I have enjoyed sharing information as well as listening to what the people have to say. The era of 'government knows best is truly over," he said.

He said although the country had accomplished a lot, there were still so much left to do.

"So, let us move forward together, and enjoy four more years of progress and prosperity," he added.

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