

## **Najib gives out helmets to woo Selangor youths**

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SHAH ALAM, April 7 – Datuk Seri Najib Razak handed out 1Malaysia motorcycle helmets to his Selangor team today as he moved in on the state's youth vote, hoping to draw in the key voter demographic to help lead Barisan Nasional (BN) to a successful conquest of the country's richest state.

Najib, the Selangor BN election coordinator, today told a hall packed with blue-clad youths: "The youths will determine our election."

In his speech at the Selangor Young Generation Patriotic Assembly, the caretaker prime minister poked fun at political opponent Pakatan Rakyat (PR)'s alleged failure to fulfill their promises, eliciting loud cheers when he said BN would continue giving cash aid under the Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia (BR1M).

In its election manifesto launched yesterday, BN pledged to gradually increase BR1M payouts to RM1,200 for low-income households and RM600 for young singles with low wages.

When met after the launch, Selangor BN Youth chief Ungku Md Salleh Ungku Abd Jamal said 22,000 of the helmets in BN's signature blue colour would be distributed to the coalition's supporters in the state, with all 22 divisions to get 1,000 each.

"This is actually a [safety] campaign for youths to wear helmets," he told reporters, later saying that the divisions would be free to distribute the helmets to BN supporters in universities.

"In line with Misi Mesti Menang (Must Win Campaign), at the same time, we want to ensure the safety of the machinery on duty from today until polling day."

Earlier, he said the helmets with the 1M4U and BN logos would also help promote the coalition.

When taking the stage earlier today, Ungku had directly addressed Najib, urging that he adds two more items to the BN manifesto – building a drag-race track and sport complexes for the youth.

Election 2013 will see some 3.3 million out of the 13.3 million eligible voters voting for the first time.

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