

**BN To Live Up To Youths' Expectations, Says Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has promised to live up to the expectations of the younger generation if the Barisan Nasional (BN) is given the mandate to return to power in the 13th general election.

The prime minister said the BN had never neglected young people, instead it had carried out various programmes to cater to their needs.

He said these included the 1Malaysia For Youth (1M4U) to encourage volunteerism, the 1Malaysia People's Aid for single unmarried individuals earning RM2,000 and below, and the 1Malaysia Training Scheme to upgrade youth competency.

"We are working hard so that through coordinated efforts and effective implementation, we will chart a future full of hope for young people," he said when launching the 'Voice of My Generation' programme in Bukit Jalil here Friday.

The event, which was organised by the 1Malaysia Youth Movement, was also attended by the prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

The prime minister said unlike previous leaders, the government under his stewardship has shifted from an orthodox approach for he was aware that the younger generation was growing up in a different environment.

"To me, it's better and more meaningful if we can bring new channels so that we can find out the needs of the new generation, young people at the grassroots level, to enable them to determine their needs that can be considered by the government," he added.

Hence, he said, there was no reason for young people to hold street demonstrations or call for changes to be made by overthrowing the government.

"There is no reason for youths to feel that they are neglected for the government has opened up to make the democratic process more open and liberal.

"Believe me, the government of the day is a government for young people," he said.

The Voice of My generation is a new platform for young Malaysians, regardless of race, religion or belief to air their views, ideas and expectations for the benefit of the community.

The best ideas and proposals from youths will be presented to national leaders or relevant bodies as a basis for development planning.

Youths can express their opinions during sessions with Voice of My Generation representatives or upload their videos to the Voice of My Generation social media site.

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