

**Houses Destroyed In Tanjung Labian Will Be Rebuilt - Najib
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LAHAD DATU, April 13 (Bernama) -- The houses of residents in Tanjung Labian near here which were destroyed during the incursion incident by terrorists from the southern Philippines, will be rebuilt with the cost fully borne by the government, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the houses would be rebuilt on their original sites.

"The houses that will be built will also be much better than the earlier houses " he told reporters after officially launching the Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) here Saturday.

To further beef up security in the Felda Sahabat area here, Najib said 100 auxiliary police and 400 Territorial Army members would be stationed there.

Besides these, Najib also gave the assurance that economic activities would continue as planned, specifically the tourism industry and Palm Oil Industrial Clusters (POICs).

"Any notion that safety is not guaranteed either real or perceived, we have tackled this including reviving the tourism industry which was affected because of the incursion.

"So far there are no reports of impaired investments to POICs and POIC development will continue as planned," he said.

Following the incursion last February, the security forces mounted an offensive code named Ops Daulat offensive on March 5 which succeeded in flushing out the terrorists.

Ten security forces personnel - eight policemen and two soldiers - died because of the incursion while 68 terrorists were killed.

The government also set up ESSCOM, which is the enforcement agent for the Eastern Sabah Safety Zone (ESSZONE) and covers 10 districts along a 1,400-km stretch of Sabah's east coast.

It was established to safeguard the sovereignty and security of the state's east coast following the intrusion by the terrorists.

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