

**Special Medal For Security Forces, Govt Agencies Involved In Ops Daulat - Najib Bernama**  
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LAHAD DATU, April 13 (Bernama) -- The government has agreed to create a special award (medal), Pingat Kedaulatan Negara (PKN), in appreciation of the Malaysian security forces and government agencies involved in Ops Daulat.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the PKN could be given to any individual who served or was directly involved in Ops Daulat, aimed at fighting against the intrusion in Lahad Datu by militants from southern Philippines.

"This award is in recognition of the good deeds, bravery, service and sacrifices of members of the security forces as well as public servants involved in Ops Daulat.

"Therefore, today I symbolically present the award to some of those involved in the operation," he said in his speech at the Ops Daulat Appreciation ceremony, here, Saturday.

On injured members of the security forces in Ops Daulat, Najib said they would each be offered to purchase 50,000 units of Bank Rakyat shares.

He said Bank Rakyat had agreed to offer shares worth RM100,000 to each family affected by the tragedy of the Lahad Datu intrusion.

"With the dividends paid out by Bank Rakyat at 15 per cent per annum and the bonus, each family will receive RM15,000 per annum or RM1,250 per month.

"And if they take out a housing loan of RM300,000 to RM400,000, the amount is sufficient to pay for the monthly instalment."

Najib said Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia had, meanwhile, given out RM1.5 million worth of aid to the Felda Sahabat land scheme settlers.

"For the 26 families who lost their homes or their houses were damaged, the Yayasan 1MDB has allocated RM2 million to assist them," he added.

At the event, the Kelab Putera 1Malaysia also gave 9,100 ration packs to be distributed to members of the security forces, Rela and Civil Defence Department.

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