

Felda Schemes In For More Growth Under Second-Phase Transformation - Najib Bernama
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CHINI (Pahang), April 21 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today opened a RM22-million complex near here designed to raise the socio-economic status of Felda settlers and neighbouring residents.

The prime minister said the Felda Industrial and Recreational Complex was a project under Felda's second phase of transformation over the 50-year period from 2006.

"Over the 50-year period from 2006, we have been and will be seeing the fruits of our pledges in every Felda land scheme," he said when opening the complex at the Chini 3 Felda plantation.

Najib said Felda, which had had taken on the role of a land developer under the first phase of transformation, had shifted its focus to grow into an internationally renowned commercial organisation.

He said Felda settlers should realise that not all governments would be able to implement land development programmes like the Barisan Nasional (BN) government.

A few countries had tried to emulate Malaysia's land development programme but failed, he said.

Even the PAS-led Kelantan government had been unsuccessful with its so-called "Ladang Rakyat" (People's Estates), he said.

"Felda has received requests to take over these estates in Kelantan. I said Felda can do so after the BN is given the mandate to administer the state government.

"Their competence and commitment are nowhere near that of the BN government and Felda," he said.

Najib called on the Felda community to continue to give BN the mandate to enable the transformation programme to be implemented unhindered.

Also present at the event were Najib's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, the BN election candidate for the Chini state seat Datuk Abu Bakar Harun and Felda director-general Datuk Faizoull Ahmad.

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