

**Najib Announces New Mosque For People Of Mengabang Telipot**  
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KUALA TERENGGANU, May 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today announced that a new mosque would be build to replace the old one in Mengabang Telipot.

Though Najib seemed to have lost his voice when making the announcement, the thunderous applause from about 6,000 people who attended a 'Leaders meet the people' session in Mengabang Telipot, was loud and clear.

Najib in his speech said his presence at the old mosque in Mengabang Telipot was significant because his father, the late Tun Abdul Razak, had performed prayers at the mosque when visiting Terengganu in 1971.

"Today, after 42 years, I feel honoured to repeat what my father had done...that is why I did not want to come here empty handed because I felt uneasy..." he said before his announcement that the Barisan Nasional (BN) would ensure allocations for the mosque, was delivered.

The Prime Minister who spent about 30 minutes also gave out RM105,200 as assistance to fishermen in Mengabang Telipot and three wheelchairs to people with special needs.

Also present was his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said, his wife Toh Puan Seri Norliza Mahmud and BN candidates from Kuala Nerus and Setiu.

Meanwhile, the Imam of Mengabang Telipot mosque, Rashid Ali, 65, said Najib's announcement was a very meaningful gift for the people since the old mosque which was build 87 years ago (1926) was not able to accommodate an increase in the number of worshipers, due to the presence of a number of higher learning institutions.

"It is not an easy occasion to see the country's leaders visit an area like Mengabang Telipot, especially the mosque, but we have seen the father and his son (both leaders of the nation) pay a visit here," he said.

Rashid said he was informed that when the late Tun Razak paid a historic visit to the Mengabang Telipot mosque, he walked about 4km from Kampung Pak Tuyu, near where the Universiti Malaysia Terengganu is located now.

"This area was a remote village then and no proper roads for vehicles to pass through," he said.

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