

Transportation Transformation Vital For Country To Achieve Developed Nation Status - Najib
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KUANTAN, April 25 (Bernama) -- The transformation of public transportation is vital to achieve the developed nation status as it would be effective in enabling the people from urban and rural areas to live comfortably, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the existence of an effective public transportation would assist in raising the level of prosperity index of the people in the country.

For this, efforts to improve public transportation system was one of the national key result areas and the government would carry out orderly changes and transformation, he said speaking during a working visit to the Kuantan Sentral in Bandar Indera Mahkota, here Thursday.

The terminal, built at a cost of RM55 million and scheduled to commence operation in June, could accommodate 46 buses at one time as well as 354 parking bays for vehicles, 170 motorcycle parking lots, food court and two fast food restaurants.

In determining the success of a country, Najib said the government did not use only one criterion, as the level of happiness index was also incorporated in the government's economic model.

"This included upgrading public transportation system to give the people greater comfort and to avoid getting into traffic congestion," he said.

Najib in his speech also criticised Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohd Khalid Ibrahim for asking another five-year term from the people to prove PKR is capable of realizing its promises made to the people in the 2008 general election.

"They tried to present a report card to the people of Selangor after five years, but what did he do for the people. And this is after being sued by single mothers for the RM100 monthly allowance but promises were left as promises.

"We need to see what's the outcome of changing the government. Why bother to change the government when the Barisan Nasional government is capable of fulfilling the dreams of the people," he said.

Also present were Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob and State Secretary Datuk Seri Saffian Ismail.

At the ceremony, Najib also announced the extension of free RapidKuantan bus services to the end of May.

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