

Najib Announces Construction Of Palekbang Bridge, Upgrade Of Tumpat Market
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TUMPAT, May 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today delivered the good news to the people of Tumpat when he announced several additional promises if the Barisan Nasional (BN) gained control of Kelantan in the 13th General Election on Sunday.

Among the major promises announced by the prime minister was the construction of the Palekbang bridge which the PAS-ruled state government failed to build in 1996.

"This is much awaited. They have long laid the foundation stone and nothing was done, to date.

"We will build the bridge and the government will provide the allocation for this, if the area returns to BN," he said when speaking at a 'Leader with People' session in Sekolah Menengah Chabang Empat here Thursday.

Also present were Kelantan BN chairman Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, his deputy, Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin, and all BN Tumpat candidates namely Mansor Salleh (parliamentary), Datuk Noor Zahidi Omar (Pengkalan Kubor state seat), Wan Hanapi Wan Yaacob (Kelaboran state seat), Nik Noriza Nik Salleh (Pasir Pekan state seat) and Mohd Rosdi Ab Aziz (Wakaf Baharu state seat).

More than 20,000 people attended the event.

The Palekbang bridge is a manifestation of the failure of the PAS government in Kelantan in 1996. If built, it would link Kampung Cina in Kota Baharu with Kampung Palekbang on the Tumpat side.

The project foundation stone for the construction of the bridge which became an issue was carried out by Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat.

At the event, Najib also announced more promises to upgrade the Chabang Empat and Tumpat markets, upgrade the Pengkalan Kubor Duty Free Zone, as well as all suraus in the Tumpat district.

Najib's announcement received a resounding applause from the people at the gathering.

Meanwhile, the prime minister said the warm reception given by Kelantan residents to his one-day visit was an indication of the 'winds of change' blowing across the state in the coming general election.

"Some people said the 'winds of change' will be better than in 2008, some said it is even better than in 2004. If that is so, in three more days, we will return Kelantan to BN," he said.

Najib said the people of Kelantan had the right to choose a government which had a vision and was capable of developing the state as the most advanced.

"Three days more, we will create a major shock in Kelantan (to defeat PAS)," he said.

He said the most eligible individual to administer Kelantan if BN took control of the state was state BN chairman Mustapa, who is also international trade and industry minister, as he was capable of bringing Kelantan to a more illustrious era.

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