

PM Agrees To Relocate Juru Detention Centre
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BUKIT MERTA JAM, April 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today agreed to relocate the Juru Immigrant Detention Centre to a yet to be named location, in efforts to safeguard the welfare of the people. He said the relocation would be a relief to the estimated 15,000 residents in its vicinity and 900 students of the nearby Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan (SRJK) Cina True Light. "I agree to the relocation upon the request of state Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Teng Chang Yeow. The residents can finally breathe a sigh of relief when it's implemented," he said during a meet-the-people session at the Perkampungan Juru night market, here. Upon his arrival at the night market at about 6.30pm today, Najib was welcomed by more than 10,000 who sang the 'IM4U' song. Najib said the call to relocate the detention centre was voiced by the people in the area who feared for their safety. Worried about their safety and health, the local community had voiced their request for the relocation to Teng during his campaign there. Najib clarified that his presence in Penang this time was to prove to the people that the BN government cared for their future and always delivered on its promises.

"A few months ago I promised that BN would implement the construction of 20,000 affordable houses in Penang. Tonight I deliver that promise by launching the first phase of the project," Najib said to a cheering crowd.

He criticised the Pakatan Rakyat leaders who had pledged to fight for the lower and middle income group but instead chose to prioritize mega projects. "I want to know how many affordable houses have they built? Why does a party that says it champions the lower and middle income group prefer to focus on an underwater tunnel project instead of building houses?" he asked. Also present at the session were state BN deputy chairman Datuk Zainal Abidin Osman, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop, state MCA chairman Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen and other state BN leaders.

The Juru settlement is a Chinese village located in Bukit Tengah which is under the Batu Kawan parliamentary constituency. Teng is in a three-cornered fight with Parti Keadilan Rakyat's Ong Chin Wen and Independent A. Mohan. In the 2008 general election Ong beat Ng Siew Lai of BN by a 1,904-vote majority

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