

**PM: Rates cut for land use conversion**  
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**SUNGAI BULOH: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has pledged to review the premium rates for land-use conversion here, in a bid to support Selangor's rapidly growing small-to-medium enterprise (SME) industry.**

Najib said if Barisan Nasional was given the mandate to govern Selangor, it would reduce the rates for agricultural land converted for industrial uses by SMEs.

"This will be part of our election pledge if Selangor is returned to the BN," he said, at a meet-the-people gathering at SJK(C) Kampung Baru here.

In addition, he said, the roads in the heavily-industrialised Kampung Baru area would be widened to accommodate the rapidly growing number of SMEs there.

Addressing the Sungai Buloh business community, Najib said they had worked hard to build Sungai Buloh as the second-largest SME industry hub in the country and called on them to vote for a government that supported good business decisions.

He said the opposition had made many promises to the people knowing that it could not honour them, such as the pledge to introduce a RM4000 minimum wage.

"The government has tried to introduce a RM900 minimum wage, only to be met with resistance from the SME industry who say they can not afford it.

"So (as SME businesses), you know, if you were forced to pay your employees RM4000 each, you cannot afford it. You will go bankrupt," he said.

He said the Pakatan Rakyat manifesto was an irresponsible document that would lead the country into an economic disaster, unlike the BN government which has always embarked on policies aimed at helping the people rather than garnering votes.

"As a finance minister, I know what can be accomplished. As a prime minister, I will not let the country become an economic ruin just to get votes."

"We are fiscally responsible, we give out 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) because we can afford it. If we plan to increase BR1M (to RM1200 per person), it is because we can afford it. That's the difference (between BN and the opposition)," he said.

He said the people of Selangor should not be taken in for a second time by the opposition which has failed to fulfil many promises it made after it took over the state in the 2008 general election.

"As the saying goes, you can fool the people once, but you can't fool them twice," he said.

Najib was speaking on his final stop on his one-day campaign tour of Selangor. Present were his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar, Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Donald Lim and BN Subang candidate A Prakash Rao.

