

**RM400 Million Sibul-Kapit Road, Kanowit Bridge To Be Constructed, Says Najib
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KUCHING, June 10 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the federal government has approved an allocation of RM400 million for the construction of a 33km road from Song to Kapit and a bridge in Kanowit.

The prime minister said the projects which would be completed in two years, would enable the people in Kapit to travel to Sibul by land.

"The express boat tragedy in Belaga recently was very saddening and the road from Sibul to Kapit must be built," he said at a dinner in conjunction with Gawai Dayak 2013 here Sunday night.

Also present were his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu, who was representing Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, Plantation Industries and Commodities minister Datuk Seri Douglas Uggah, Works Minister Datuk Fadilah Yusof and Tourism and Culture minister Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz.

Najib said the proposed road project, from Kapit to Belaga, would only be finalised after a study which was being conducted by the Public Works Department.

Meanwhile, Najib said the 213 victims who survived the express boat tragedy would receive RM1000 each, which were contributed by the National Security Council and Gagasan Rakyat 1Malaysia.

He said the government would present RM5,000 to the families of those who had perished in the incident, while three men who had been hailed as heroes for rescuing many of the victims would be rewarded with RM3,000 each.

The trio, Harudis Busan, 42, Naries Busan, 36, and Kimi Tanjung, 32, all from the Sekupan longhouse in Belaga were also at the function.

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