

**Three Main Thrusts In Sabah's Development - Najib
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KOTA KINABALU, July 27 (Bernama) -- Aspects on security, development and welfare will be given priority by the federal and state government in developing Sabah for the next five years, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

He said the Barisan Nasional (BN) government's main thrust was to ensure security, sovereignty, and peace in Sabah following the incident in Lahad Datu early this year.

"Don't we ever forget. We have to take proactive measures, enough soldiers and policemen, increase surveillance, determine the networking in important areas that can be developed with suitable technological equipment, also build new army camps, police stations to ensure people in areas exposed to risks feel safe. When they sleep, they can sleep soundly," he added.

The prime minister was speaking at a programme, 'Breaking of fast with the Prime Minister', here Saturday night.

Also present were the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman and his wife, Datin Seri Faridah Tussin.

Najib said it was the responsibility of the BN government to build the army camp at Felda Sahabat as an important base in the Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM), apart from drawing up a model for restructuring of the coastal villages in the east coast of Sabah without causing inconvenience to the people.

The second thrust, he said, the government would intensify development of basic infrastructure in the urban and rural areas where the roads were very narrow and congested.

Najib said the third thrust encompassed the people's welfare, not only in terms of physical development, but also on matters which involved the people's interests.

"This is our commitment, and it is based on the 1Malaysia concept with strengthening relations between the ethnic groups being the most crucial to be preserved and strengthened.

"BN is a government which cares for the interests of all ethnic groups in Sabah," he added.

The prime minister also said the BN government would continue to have more 1Malaysia products, like the 1Malaysia People's Shop (KR1M), 1Malaysia Clinic and various others to ensure the concept was not a mere rhetoric and slogan, but able to benefit and enjoyed by all the people in the country.

Expressing his appreciation for the people of Sabah, Najib, who is BN chairman, said Sabah had made an excellent achievement and was among the states which gave huge contribution to the formation of the BN government at the federal level.

"From 25 parliamentary seats, Sabah contributes 22. This is not (a) small (number)," he

added.

At the event, Najib also cut the "pulut kuning" (cake made out of yellow-coloured glutinous rice) together with Rosmah in conjunction with his 60th birthday which fell last Tuesday.

Earlier, Najib presented "duit raya" (Raya cash) to 78 people, comprising the poor and orphans from several welfare homes and orphanages in Kota Kinabalu, Papar and Tuaran.

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