

**Government To Build More PR1MA Homes - Najib
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PUTRAJAYA, March 7 (Bernama) -- The government will build more affordable homes under the 1Malaysia People's Housing (PR1MA) programme throughout the country including in Putrajaya, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said this was because families and individuals living in the urban areas were making the affordable homes their priority.

Najib said PR1MA was also a testimony that the government kept its promises to the people.

"The government is committed to the agenda of developing affordable housing for the people. I hope people can understand that the construction of a houses like these will take time," he said at a PR1MA mock key presentation ceremony at Precinct 11, here today.

The first project of 560 housing units in Precinct 11 will be developed by Putrajaya Holdings Sdn Bhd, measuring between 815 and 1,006 square feet on a plot totalling 1.9 hectares area, complete with a multi-purpose hall, nursery, kindergarten, surau and business sites and stores.

Najib said PR1MA home prices were at least 20 per cent lower than the market price.

"A housing unit with a size of 815 sq ft which is sold at a price of RM120,000 or 1,000 sq ft at RM150,000 is 30 per cent lower than the market price.

"This means that the house owner will gain profit as soon as they received the house and within the next five years, the house price will increase much higher according to market rates," he said.

In the 2015 Budget, the government had set a target to build 80,000 PR1MA homes across the country with an allocation of RM1.3 billion.

"I was told that the number of people applying for PR1MA is seven times higher than the number of homes available. Therefore, I welcome Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor's recommendation to build more affordable housing in Putrajaya," he said.

The prime minister said according to plan, Putrajaya would have 67,186 housing units in future.

PR1MA houses are offered to middle-income earners and priority is given to government employees and retirees.

The unit price is set between RM150,000 and RM300,000 according to location, but for the first phase of the project in Precinct 11, the prices would start from RM120,000.

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