

Najib Assures Government's Commitment For Balanced Development In Sarawak
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KUCHING, June 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on Wednesday gave the assurance that the government would ensure a balanced development between Sarawak and the peninsula.

"It will take time and involves lot of money, but if we manage the country well, we will get additional revenue which we will distribute evenly.

"Any region that is lagging, then it should be given more allocation, any rural areas that are less developed, then they will get more allocation," he said at the Gawai Dayak Festival dinner here.

Also present were the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansur, Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem and his deputy, Tan Sri Alfred Jabu Numpang and State Infrastructure Development and Communications Minister Datuk Seri Michael Manyin Jawong.

The prime minister said he was committed to help Sarawak succeed in Malaysia because of its huge potential.

He said he also regarded Sarawak a "fixed deposit" for the Barisan Nasional government that should continue to be assisted.

Najib said he was also impressed with the situation in Sarawak, which he described as peaceful, stable and harmony, despite having a population comprising 27 different ethnics.

This Land of the Hornbills should be a model for other states, he added.

"I'm very proud of Sarawak's achievements, and furthermore you know how to be grateful and thankful.

"I know you will continue to be supportive to Malaysia, and I thank the Chief Minister for his frank and strong show of support, without any reservation or condition," he added.

The prime minister is schedule to attend a Leader with the People programme at the Unity Stadium here tomorrow.

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