

**BR1M, Schooling Aid Hoped To Ease Burden Of Flood Victims - Najib  
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KOTA BAHARU, Dec 30 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak hopes the payment of the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) and the special schooling aid of RM100 in the middle of January can ease the burden of the flood victims in the affected states.

The Prime Minister said they were immediate measures taken by the government in assisting the flood victims especially those who had lost their source of income.

"In mid-January we will bring forward the payment of BR1M and the RM100 payment for each school-going child. We perceive this as an immediate measure that we can implement," he said at a press conference, here after visiting Gua Musang and Kuala Krai which were affected by the floods.

Najib said the government would consider other assistance based on the total evaluation of losses suffered by the flood victims.

"We are working on this including the effects faced by those who have lost their source of income," he said.

Najib said the government would also assist the traders in the vicinity of Kuala Krai town who needed government aid as a result of their business, including their stocks of goods, being destroyed in the floods.

Also accompanying the Prime Minister during the visit were International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, who is also the Kelantan Flood Disaster Committee Chairman, and Malaysian Armed Forces Chief, Gen Tan Sri Zulkifeli Md Zain.

This was Najib's second visit to Kelantan following the severe floods that hit the state.

During his first trip last Saturday, Najib visited the flood victims and observed the affected areas in the districts of Kota Bharu, Tumpat and Pasir Mas.

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