

**Effect Of Climate Change And Global Warming Is Real, Cannot Be Viewed Lightly - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the effect of climate change and global warming is real, and cannot be viewed lightly.

"Its effects are real and Malaysians are not spared from feeling the effects of it. Our drought seasons are prolonged, as our rainy seasons too. We suffer from water supply crises in some states as well as one of the worst floods the country has seen in decades," he said in his latest posting in his blog www.najibrazak.com.

Najib said fighting climate change is an on-going effort that must be led by the Government, and undertaken and supported by everyone in the country.

"The government is ready to address this issue head on - Malaysia intends to reduce reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 45 percent by 2030 relative to the emissions intensity of GDP in 2005.

"This consists of 35 per cent on an unconditional basis and a further 10 per cent is condition upon receipt of climate finance, technology transfer and capacity building from developed countries," he said.

Najib said Malaysia together with 181 countries have submitted the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) for the United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference, currently ongoing in Paris, reaffirming its stand and commitment in fighting climate change.

He said despite the government launching several initiatives since 9th Malaysia Plan (2006-2010) which includes the National Biofuel Policy (2006), Renewable Energy Policy and Action Plan (2010), "we have not done enough."

"The United Nations data showed that Malaysia ranked 26th worldwide in 2012 when it came to carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from fuel combustion," he said.

Najib said Malaysia remained steadfast and committed in its mission to reduce Malaysia's carbon footprint and under the 11th Malaysia Plan (2016-2020), policies that will further focus on pursuing green growth for sustainability and resilience will be carried out.

"The measures will include strengthening the enabling environment for green growth, adoption of sustainable consumption and production, conserving natural resources and strengthening resilience against climate change and natural disasters," he said.

"This new target shall not and should not be seen as an impediment to our economic development. Indeed, I believe, our green policies and initiatives will also bring many

opportunities - catalysing new industries and ancillary businesses that will bring new employment opportunities," he said.

Najib said Malaysians need to play their part in fighting climate change and help prevent average global temperatures from rising above two degrees Celsius.

"It is our social and moral obligation to ensure that our sons and daughters will be able to enjoy the world as we see it today. Malaysia must play its responsible role in the necessary global transformation for a more sustainable world," he said.

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