

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Directed To Study Flood Problems in Sarawak – Najib
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KUCHING, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Natural Resources and Environment Minister has been directed to conduct a detailed study of the flood problems in Sarawak.

Najib said Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar as the Minister will be responsible to carry out the study.

"Wan Junaidi will study the drainage problems, including cost involved, implication and all details. We will do whatever we have to," he told reporters after visiting Kampung Rantau Panjang, Batu Kawa, near here today.

Also present were Najib's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Sarawak deputy chief minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu Numpang, Sarawak Housing Minister Datuk Amar Abang Johari Tun Openg and Parti Rakyat Bersatu Sarawak (SUPP) president Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian.

Najib who arrived at about 4.30pm spent about 30 minutes, visiting the Kampung Rantau Panjang which is situated near the Sungai Sarawak river bank and later visited Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Rantau Panjang.

Over the past two months, floods had occurred in Sarawak, especially the district of Kuching, Serian and Samarahan, four times.

During the 2016 National Chinese New Year Open House in Sibu last night, Sarawak chief minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem had appealed to the Prime Minister to assist in resolving flood problems in Sarawak, purportedly caused by poor drainage.

Meanwhile, after visiting SK Rantau Panjang, Najib said the school would be relocated at a new site.

"SK Rantau Panjang will be relocated to a new location because the current location is congested and flood prone. I had discussed the matter with the education officers and we have decided to identify a new location," said Najib who was happy with the support he had received over his two-day visit to the state.

"Throughout my visit the people were very receptive...GOD willing, we will continue to develop Sarawak," he said adding that his regular visits were not because of the coming election but rather to see Sarawak continue to progress. – BERNAMA

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