

Najib Announces New Central Market for Kuala Terengganu
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KUALA TERENGGANU, May 23 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today announced a federal government allocation of RM78 million for the construction of a new Pasar Besar Kedai Payang or central market here.

The Prime Minister said the project, to be undertaken by the Urban Well-being, Housing and Local Government Ministry, was expected to be completed in 2018.

The present market was old and no longer conducive for traders, customers and visitors, he said.

"The new market will be able to provide more comfort for the traders and visitors, and I believe it can give a boost to the tourism industry in Terengganu as well," he said after a tour of the market as part of his day-long visit to Terengganu today.

During the hour-long walkabout at the market, Najib was accompanied by Terengganu Menteri Besar Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman, state executive councillors and several officers of federal and state government departments and agencies.

About 10,000 people, among them traders and tourists, greeted Najib during the walkabout.

The Prime Minister spent about an hour at the market chatting with some of the traders and their customers. He also bought some 'keropok lekor' (fish sausage).

Najib also had breakfast with Ahmad Razif and several members of the public at the upper floor of the market.

After that, he visited Kampung Cina and spent about 30 minutes meeting the Chinese community residents.

The Prime Minister then proceeded to Universiti Malaysia Terengganu to open the 'Ijtimak Pondok' Muslim brotherhood programme.

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