

**Despite Being Maligned, the Government Will Continue To Help the People - Najib
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PUTRAJAYA, June 25 (Bernama) -- The government will continue to extend aid to the people as a duty despite being accused and maligned as being a giver of bran, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the allegation was an affront to the people whilst for the government ensuring Muslims would benefit was a religious demand which must be fulfilled.

"Giving aid to the people is a responsibility..as such the Barisan Nasional (BN) government and myself are not bothered about what others say because we are confident the people will eventually know what were done were for their benefit.

"God willing, in Malaysia we can advance because the people picked the government who prioritise their benefit, welfare and interest," he said in his speech at the Federal Territories Nur Ramadan Programme at the Putra Mosque here, today.

Also present were Federal Territories Minister and Putrajaya Member of Parliament Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, Federal Territories Ministry secretary general Datuk Seri Adnan Md Ikshan and Putrajaya Corporation president Datuk Seri Hasim Ismail.

The Nur Ramadan Programme was an annual event organised by the Federal Territories Ministry since 2009 aimed at fostering ties between the government and local communities involving 13 Parliamentary areas in Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan.

The Prime Minister said that the attacks and accusations hurled against the government did not affect the confidence on the welfare work done and this was proven via BN's large victories at the Sarawak state elections and the Sungai Besar and Kuala Kangsar by-elections recently.

Najib said the triumphs proved that the people had confidence in the government, could evaluate and eventually make a decision to pick a party which was proven successful in ensuring all the people benefitted.

"As a government, we will continue to look after the interest and what were beneficial to Muslims other than prioritising Muslim unity as a big agenda in the country to avoid enmity

and conflict amongst us," he said.

On the Nur Ramadan Programme, Najib said it was a praiseworthy effort by the Federal Territories Ministry because through it the government could lighten the burden of 8,750 needy people in 13 Parliamentary areas in the Federal Territories.

A total RM1.3 million was allocated this year by the ministry with the cooperation of the Federal Territories Islamic Religious Council, Al Bukhary Foundation, Federal Territories Foundation and corporate companies.

During the ceremony, the Prime Minister also witnessed the handing over of RM10,000 to the Putra Mosque by the Federal Territories Foundation for upgrading facilities and Islamic development programmes.

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