

Budget 2018 Sensitive Towards Sarawak's Needs - Abang Johari

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KUCHING, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg has described Budget 2018 as being sensitive towards the needs of the people of Sarawak.

He said the budget announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak would also convince the people of Sarawak about what the Government had planned for them.

"I welcome the budget announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today. We found many provisions for Sarawak as well as neighbouring Sabah.

"Infrastructure was given a lot of emphasis, in terms of water and electricity supply, as well as interior roads," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after opening the Sarawak Welfare Carnival 2017 here, tonight.

Najib, when tabling Budget 2018 this afternoon announced that over RM6.8 billion would be allocated to implement various development projects in Sarawak and Sabah.

Commenting further, Abang Johari said the budget also saw Sarawak receiving a huge allocation of RM1 billion to develop dilapidated schools in the state.

"This means that this provision is apart (additional) from the usual provisions (received) and the third interesting thing is the terms of social provision, which has also been added for Sarawak.

"So I would like to thank the Prime Minister who is concerned with the wishes of the people

in Sarawak to upgrade the infrastructure and the highly needed social sector in Sarawak," he said.

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