

PM Najib's visit a boost for Perlis development

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KANGAR, March 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's visit to Perlis on Tuesday brought along several good news that would boost the state's development.

During his one-day visit to Perlis, which as a population of nearly 300,000, Najib announced a number of new projects that had been approved to spur the state's economic growth and development.

Najib, in his speech when officiating the Perlis Urban Transformation Centre (UTC) here, announced an allocation of RM41.14 million for the Tasoh Water Treatment Plant; RM50.5 million to address the water issue in the state and RM10 million each for the construction of the Padang Besar Plazaria and the Kangar Bazaria.

The Prime Minister also announced the approval of the construction of the 1,400 units of People's Housing Project (PPR) in three parliamentary constituencies, namely, Padang Besar, Arau and Kangar.

Shortly later, Najib announced another allocation of RM50 million for the Sungai Perlis water control gate and RM30 million for upgrading works at the Seriab Integrated Public Transport Terminal.

Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azlan Man, who was present at the event, expressed confidence that implementation of the projects would further boost the state's economy, as well as provide new job opportunities for the people.

In his speech, Najib refuted the claims that the government was unable to pay its debt, instead, said that the country's debts were well under control.

Najib also urged the people of Perlis not to be easily influenced by the slanderous claims of some parties who were trying to deny the various achievements made by the country.

During the visit, Najib also officiated the Perlis state election machinery at the Dewan 2020.

At the event, Najib, announced an allocation of RM9 million to finance small projects throughout the state and said that the state would experience more rapid progress if given bigger mandate in the GE14.

State Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Shahidan Kassim said more development projects for the state could be implemented if majority of the people were to continue to give their support to BN.

He said through a survey carried out thus far, 60 per cent of the voters in Padang Besar supported the BN, Kangar (57 per cent) and Arau (60 per cent).

State MCA chairman Datuk Chua Tee Yong told Bernama that BN could win 100 per cent in the state if the candidates for the 14th general election could be announced earlier.

"This is important for the strategy and chances to ensure greater victory compared to the previous general election," said Chua, adding that MCA would work hard to recapture the Sanglang and Indera Kayangan state seats from the opposition.

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