



The Prime Minister being welcomed by Umno Pekan Lama branch members.

Death for the drug merchants: Razak

PEKAN, Sun.—Tun Abdul Razak said today that one of the best ways of stopping drug trafficking was to put drug merchants to death or to shut them away in prison for life.

The Government, he added, was seeking to introduce such a law which would also deal harshly with drug smugglers and those in possession of drugs.

The Prime Minister told Pekan Umno division delegates that the public shared the Government's responsibility to stamp out the drug

menace to ensure that it would not destroy society, especially the youth.

The merchants who smuggled drugs into Malaysia and sold them to youngsters for a quick, sizeable profit, deserved severe punishment, he added.

Image tarnished

Tun Razak also said that Malaysians who had been trafficking drugs overseas had tarnished the good image of Malaysia.

Tun Razak then criticised students from rural areas for changing their attitudes once they

entered institutions of higher learning.

"These students forget where they come from and are therefore unable to help those in the rural areas," he said.

The Government, he said, would ask Parliament to give Vice Chancellors of universities and school teachers greater powers to maintain discipline.

On foreign policy, Tun Razak said that it was Malaysia's policy to maintain good relations with all nations — irrespective of their ideologies.

"We need them because they are potential markets for our raw products like rubber, oil-

palm and tin," he said.

Tun Razak also said that Umno had a lot more to achieve, especially in the rural areas.

The people, he added, had placed their trust in the party and in the National Front to secure a better future.

He criticised people who joined Umno and tried to get top posts and become leaders at once.

Umno, he added, welcomed every young Malay into the party, but the young had to wait patiently for the older members to give way.

Tun Razak said that the Green Book plan was aimed at doubling food production so that there would be sufficient food for local consumption and for export.

He later gave a \$100,000 cheque to the Farmers' Organisation Authority Director-General, Encik Ahmad Sarji bin Abdul Hamid for the Farmers' Co-operative in Rompin.