

ADDRESS BY THE PRIME MINISTER INTRODUCING
THE NEW RADIO MALAYA PROGRAMME FOR THE
ABORIGINES ON 3 FEBRUARY, 1959

Dear listeners,

I, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya, would like to say a few words on the occasion of a new Radio Malaya programme specially designed for you. Starting from now, every month, those of you who live near a radio set will be able to listen to your own programmes in the Temiar and Semai language.

In our fight against the terrorists in the jungle, you gave and continue to give great help to my government. Of this I am very proud. My government will not forget your co-operation and service. You will always be looked after by the Department of Aborigines, especially regarding your general well-being and education. You already have a representative in the Federal Legislative Council. He is Tok Panku Pandak Hamid bin Putih Jali. The emergency is gradually coming to an end, and you are now able to return to the place of your choice and live in peace as before. But let me stress: do not go too far away from school areas, for education will prove a great boon to aborigines. If you have no schools, please ask and the government will certainly provide them. Do not forget, my government is working to enable you to return to your original dwelling place and live as you choose. Many of you have opened new lands for planting; I wish these people a good harvest. To those of you who do not work the land but live by hunting, fishing and collecting jungle produce, may I wish you greater prosperity. And to those of you who depend on the sea for a living, I pray that the sea will give a better yield for your labour in the future.

Finally, I call upon those of you who live in areas where there are still some terrorists left to do your very best in helping the government to rid the terrorists in your area.