Barisan can resolve Selangor’s water crisis, says Najib

KUALA LUMPUR: Selangor’s water crisis can be resolved, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

However, the Prime Minister said it needed a state administration which was able to handle the issue well.

“It cannot be that the Federal Government is unable to resolve the water problem in Selangor. We can do it.

“If we can make Malaysia the global centre for IPOs, how can it be that we can’t solve water issues?” he asked.

Najib said the problem could be resolved by the Barisan Nasional government “but we have to wait until the time comes when the people of Selangor make their choice and choose a government that can do it”.

He underlined the importance of sustainable governance as opposed to populist measures of merely doling out “all sorts of contributions and handouts”.

“If we cannot lay the foundation for sustainable economic growth, then any handout cannot be given continuously,” he told the crowd.

“To make promises is not difficult. What is more challenging is to ensure the handouts do not hurt the national economy.”

Najib, who was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, later presented RM100 each to 100 single parents and the disabled.

He also contributed RM2mil to the construction of the mosque, and RM1.45mil for other mosques and surau in Selangor.

Najib later attended prayers at the Taman Sri Angsana Hilir surau and announced a RM400,000 allocation to upgrade it.

He also presented dates, air zam (holy water) and cloth to representatives from several mosques.

All 426 mosques in Selangor will receive the contribution, donated by the Putera 1Malaysia Club.

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