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BALIK PULAU: The Greater Penang Transformation Programme is proof that the Federal Government has not marginalised the state.

The Federal Government, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said, will continue to help develop Penang although Barisan Nasional is not the ruling party in the state.

"Certain quarters allege that Penang is being sidelined, but this is not so," he told a gathering of some 20,000 people in Kampung Permatang Pasir here yesterday.

Najib, who was on a day-long visit to the state, said the Federal Government had approved several projects in Penang, such as the second bridge and the expansion of the Penang International Airport to spur

the flow of investments into the state.

"We will make sure Penang benefits under the Greater Penang Transformation Programme.

"It shouldn't be the case of *lembu punya susu, sapi dapat nama* (getting credit for work done by others)," he said, implying that the Pakatan Rakyat-ruled state government was

claiming credit for the work done by the Federal Government.

Speaking to reporters, Najib said the Federal Government was set to develop Penang into the third metropolis in the country, after the Klang Valley and Johor Baru.

He said a committee comprising representatives from the Northern Corridor Implementation Authority,

the Performance Management and Delivery Unit (Pemandu) and Khazanah Nasional Bhd will study and implement the plan.

Najib arrived here at 9am and started a series of walkabouts, beginning at Taman Tun Sardon in Gelugor. He met more people later at the Jelutong market and the Rifle Range and Kampung Melayu flats in Air Itam.

Getting a taste of Penang food, he tucked into a *serabai* (sweet local pancake) at the Taman Tun Sardon market, *nasi lemak* at Rifle Range and *nasi kandar* at Kampung Melayu.

Najib also attended a closed-door meeting with some 1,000 Barisan members at the Tabung Haji Complex in Bayan Lepas.