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COMMERCIAL OFFER FOR TANKS EXPECTED SOON, SAYS NAJIB

KUALA LUMPUR, April 23 (Bernama) -- Poland is expected to make a commercial offer soon for the proposed procurement of its PT91 tanks by Malaysia, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said today.

He said that the armed forces had finalised the technical specifications for the Polish tanks.

"It's up to them (Poland) now to translate that into a commercial offer. Some of the components may not come from Poland, so they have to get the pricing for these components," he told reporters after presenting a keynote address at a seminar here.

Najib declined to give details regarding the costs and payment arrangement, saying that the matter was still under negotiation.

"It's hard for us to negotiate if it is done publicly," he added.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced the government's decision to buy the tanks while on his trip to Poland last month.

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