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NATIONAL SERVICE PANEL TO HOLD FIRST MEETING ON TUESDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- The Cabinet Committee set up to study all aspects on implementation of the proposed national service will hold its first meeting on Tuesday.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the meeting would study the views and proposals made by various parties on the implementation of the national service.

"After that we will schedule meetings with several organisations, associations, NGOs and political parties," said Najib, who heads the committee.

Najib, who is also Umno vice-president, told reporters this after representing Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to launch the Federal Territory Umno "Light of Ramadan" programme here today.

Najib said a meeting with the Malaysian Youth Council was scheduled for next Thursday.

The Cabinet last week agreed to introduce a Malaysian-style national service to instil the spirit of patriotism among the people of various races in the country.

The other members of the committee are Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting, Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein (Youth and Sports), Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim and Tan Sri Bernard Dompok (PM's Department), Tan Sri Musa Mohamad (Education), Datuk Mohd Shafie Apdal (Deputy, Defence) and Datuk Zainal Abidin Zin (Deputy, Home).

Among the areas the committee will look into are basic infrastructure, equipment, period of service, allowances, legislation and training.

Also present at the function were Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, FT Umno chief Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor and Wanita Umno vice-chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

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