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NAJIB'S APPOINTMENT NOTHING UNUSUAL, SAY OPPOSITION LEADERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 7 (Bernama) -- The Opposition today characterised the appointment of Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Razak as the Deputy Prime Minister as a normal appointment which would not lead to any significant changes in the Barisan Nasional Government's policies.

DAP National Chairman Lim Kit Siang said in a statement issued in Penang that he believed the general elections were round the corner and likely to fall within Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's "second hundred days" with the long-delayed naming of the Deputy Prime Minister.

"The appointment of Najib is no surprise," he said.

Meanwhile, Keadilan President Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail said Najib's appointment was a clear cut case of following the choice of former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Although there are new faces, it is not a change actually because the choice was according to how the former PM would have preferred it," she told Bernama.

In TERENGGANU, Pas President Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said the party was not afraid of Najib's appointment and took as it something normal.

"We are still the same because we will face the party. Whoever is at the helm, we have to face them like normal," he said.

Hadi also hoped that Najib would be able to sow the seeds of a more positive democracy in the country.

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