

Najib pooh-poohs Anwar's debate dare
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Najib Abdul Razak said he did not see any benefit to be derived from a debate with Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim on the '100-Day Plan' proposed by the latter.

The prime minister said what was important was the assessment by the people, let the people decide.

"If we want to debate, there must be a benefit to be derived from it," he told reporters after a gathering to fete the national football squad for winning the AFF Suzuki Cup last month, at the Seri Perdana, here today.

He said this when asked to comment on the challenge by Anwar for a debate with him on the opposition pact's '100-Day Plan' if they were to win the 13th general election.

Anwar had said that it was appropriate for Najib to accept the offer because the prime minister often questioned and belittled the opposition pact's policies as well as the economic statistics presented in the 100-day transformation plan of the opposition pact.

Najib said the opposition pact would make their own presentation and the BN would also present its plan on the matter.

"And we can make all kinds of assessment on the plan. Let the people decide," he said.

However, he said if other people wanted to debate with Anwar like the Umno Youth head, Khairy Jamaluddin, it was up to them and he would not prevent them.

Yesterday, Khairy said he was willing to offer himself to confront Anwar in a debate on the country's economy.

He made the statement on Twitter, in response to Anwar's challenge on Najib to a debate to resolve the differences of economic ideas between Pakatan Rakyat and BN.

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