

Najib meets S'wak BN state reps ahead of polls
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak had a closed-door meeting with 63 Sarawak state assemblymen from BN at a leading hotel in Miri today.

BN secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor also joined the prime minister at the meeting.

The first batch of state assemblymen met by Najib comprised Ranum Mina who is the state assemblyperson for Opar, Peter Nansian Ngusie (Tasik Biru), Adenan Satem (Tanjung Datu), Dr Abdul Rahman Junaidi (Santubong) and Dr Abang Abdul Rauf Abang Zen (Demak Laut).

When met by reporters earlier, Bernama reported Tengku Adnan (below) as saying the meetings were part of the initiatives taken by the Prime Minister under his Political Transformation Programme.

The meetings were also a follow-up to the meeting Najib had with the BN Members of Parliament in Kuala Lumpur on Jan 8, he added.

It is not clear whether the meeting today saw the submission of 'detailed reports' by the representatives on their respective constituencies as Sarawak Chief Minister Abdul Taib Mahmud had earlier said would happen.

Abdul Taib who is also Sarawak BN chairperson, three days ago said though every constituency has its own problems and challenges, there would be efforts to try and solve them collectively, although not all can be solved immediately.

Feedback would also be gathered by the respective state assemblypersons from grassroots leaders since last year before preparing their reports, Taib had said.

BN has 63 of the 71 state seats in Sarawak's legislative assembly.

Political analysts have predicted that the general election and the Sarawak state election could be held simultaneously.

Earlier reports have also claimed that Abdul Taib too had not ruled out such a prospect since the state election must be held before July, 2011.