

Netizens take early dig at Najib's highly-touted speech
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With hours to go before Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak addresses the nation in a speech highly anticipated to touch on several major reforms for the country, netizens are more amused than enthusiastic.

The slated announcement was revealed last night by Information, Communication and Culture Minister Rais Yatim, but he and government officials have been coy about details.

Several reports have speculated that Najib would announce reforms allowing more space for civil liberties, including amendments to the draconian Internal Security Act and media related laws.

The secretive nature of the announcement has generated much interest, with the hash tag #NajibsAnnouncement now the number one trending topic in Malaysia on micro-blogging site Twitter.

Netizens are chipping in on what they think the announcement could be, in humorous ways.

A tweet by one Brian Yap says: "I personally rescued all Petknode cats, including dead ones. You have to love me now! I mean, look! Kittens! How cute!"

Another tweet: "Actually I don't have an announcement, I just wanted to test Rais if he could organise this."

Several tweets also joked about the prime minister's wife, Rosmah Mansor.

"I would like to announce that I will be marrying another. Can I, Rosmah?" says one AqilaSabarbarani.

"I forever love Rosmah Mansor... no one else can beat her hair," says another.

"I will be stepping down as PM, but you're in good hands *cue Rosmah acceptance speech*," posted Hasbee Abu Bakar.

There were also tweets joking about recent political issues, all related to the prime minister.

"(MCA president) Chua Soi Lek is appointed as Minister of having Women Affair, sorry I mean, Minister of Women's Affair," tweeted Richard Wee.

Another tweet pokes fun at the recent communism controversy, likening the prime minister to China's chairman Mao Zedong: "From now on you can call me Chairman Najib, long live the workers!"

The recent aborted six percent tax for prepaid cellphone users also made its way into Twitter, with Cay Rees tweeting: "The price of Milo will be increase with 7 percent tax because children like Milo."

"Imma dissolve parliament. GE 13 Yo!" (I'm going to dissolve Parliament, 13th General Election Yo!), posted Hanafi Zamali.

One DiniBradley wondered how the prime minister would react if he was on Twitter.

"If Najib reads all the tweets about #NajibsAnnouncement, will he laugh until his glasses fall off or smack us?"

Najib is due to deliver his speech through local TV stations at 8.45pm.

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