

Najib spooked by defections in Sabah, says Nurul Izzah

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak is fearful of more defections by BN parliamentarians in Sabah and the shifting of allegiance to Pakatan Rakyat by two of the ruling coalition's MPs is what has prompted his visit to Sabah next weekend.

"Is he afraid? I thought he previously said that all is well within BN," said PKR vice-president and Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar.

Najib said yesterday that his visit to Sabah was to strengthen the BN's position in the state.

His announcement comes just a week after Tuaran MP Wilfred Bumburing and Beaufort MP Lajim Ukin openly declared support for Pakatan.

However, Nurul Izzah is not convinced that Najib's visit would be of any benefit to the Sabah people.

"I don't think he has the audacity to make changes," she said.

Expand terms of RCI, Najib urged

In addition, she said, the announcement of the terms of reference for the Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) into illegal immigrants in Sabah would not impede the momentum of Pakatan's support in the state.

"I hope all party leaders will continue with the agenda of change for Sabah. No matter what incentive Najib offers, we shall not budge from our agenda.

"We ourselves have long pledged to form the RCI and give Sabah a 20 percent royalty from oil and gas," she said.

Nurul Izzah also urged Najib to expand the RCI's terms of reference to investigate allegations of a citizenship-for-votes scheme being run for foreigners to ensure BN's victory in the coming general election.

"We don't want the RCI on illegal immigrants to focus on Sabah only but on the whole of Malaysia. We don't want citizenship to be 'sold' without any accountability," she added.