

Gaza trip likely did Nasha in, says Najib

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Prime Minister Najib Razak said the dropping of Nasharudin Mat Isa from PAS's syura council was likely to be related to the latter's trip to Gaza with him.

He said he believed this to be true because the timing of the decision on Nasharudin came after the latter had returned from Gaza.

"Although it is said to be caused by Nasharudin's failure to attend the syura council meetings, but at the time of the decision he had just returned to Malaysia after visiting Gaza, giving the impression that there is a connection with the trip," said the PM.

He was speaking after the Youth Action Forum 2013 at Putra world Trade Centre today.

However, the syura council's general secretary Nik Zawawi Nik Salleh told Harakah today that the decision was made earlier during a meeting with Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat on January 13.

"It has absolutely nothing to do with (Nasharudin's) visit to Gaza recently as the decision was made before that," he told the PAS organ today.

Bernama also reported that Nik Aziz has confirmed that Nasharudin's name is not in the PAS' candidates list for the 13th general election.

However the PAS spiritual leader did not provide any explanation for dropping the Bachok MP.

Najib sticks up for Nasha

Meanwhile Najib continued to defend Nasharudin as "one who can be trusted on the unity and consolidation of the congregation".

"That is his stand, but it seems he has been punished although he has good intentions," said the PM.

"Throughout my encounters with him he has never criticised any party," said Najib, fresh from the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Prior to that, he visited Palestine to meet Gaza's Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh in Gaza, with Nasharudin in tow.

Najib claimed that his visit had gained the support of all Malaysians and said that made the

opposition "uneasy".

However Najib's visit drew a stern rebuke from Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah, who has not set foot in Gaza since his forces fought and lost a civil war against Hamas there in 2007.

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