

No sulking, PM tells failed GE hopefuls

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Cracking his whip, BN chairperson Najib Abdul Razak today told election hopefuls not to "sulk" for more than 24 hours, if they are not nominated.

"We will try to reduce this problem (of sulking). That is why, in my speech, I said those disappointed can only do so for 24 hours. After that, they must go to the ground," he said.

He was speaking at a press conference following a closed-door briefing with BN component party leaders in Kuala Lumpur today.

Najib also said that any independent candidate who is deemed qualified may contest under a BN ticket.

"If we feel there is room and they can be accepted and can contest, (therefore) they can contest on a BN ticket.

"We need to do so based on adjustments. Maybe there is a seat or two that can be swapped," he said.

However, he said that there will be no seat additions to be made in view of the already large number of candidates vying for each seat.

"We take into consideration what we can. Not all (independents) can be taken as we do not have additional seats.

"There are already so many candidates waiting for the existing seats."

Chua: Don't talk about me

Meanwhile, when approached by reporters after the press conference, MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek (right) said that sulking candidates were only to be expected as there is a very limited number of seats available.

However, he said Najib must make wise decisions, for the good of BN.

When asked if he would be contesting in this election, Chua said, "do not talk about me, talk about BN".

"There is not final decision yet. Najib does not have the final decision.

"Don't be so concerned with asking me to speak on something which differs to what was said by Najib, and then we can ignite another crisis. What for?" he asked.

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