

'Call special Parliament sitting to name PAC chief'

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The BN Back Benchers Club (BNBBC) today urged Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to table a motion to hold a special parliamentary sitting soon to appoint suitable candidates to fill vacant posts, including as the new chairperson of the public accounts committee (PAC).

BNBBC chairperson Shahrir Abdul Samad said the vacancies should be filled as soon as possible to enable the PAC to carry out its duties, including the pending investigation on the issues related to 1MDB.

"This is the consensus of the BNBBC members because we all are members of Parliament and we know the importance of the institution.

"I have conveyed (the decision) to the prime minister and he had agreed that we will have a one-day meeting. Then, we will vote to elect the new PAC chairperson."

He said this to reporters after opening the Segamat Umno Youth delegates meeting in Kampung Bukit Tunggal community hall in Segamat.

In the cabinet reshuffle announced by Najib on July 28, four PAC members, including its chairperson, Nur Jazlan Mohamed, had been appointed as members of the new cabinet line-up.

Nur Jazlan was appointed as deputy home minister; Reezal Merican Naina Merican as deputy foreign minister; Mas Ermieyati Samsudin as deputy tourism and culture minister; and Wilfred Madius Tangau as science, technology and innovation minister.

Shahrir said if the special sitting could not be held, the prime minister could still table a motion for the appointment of PAC members at the next Parliament sitting in October.

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