

## **PM says BN in two minds over Sept 16 rally, urges for non-violence**

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BN is in two minds over Wednesday's 'red shirts rally' in Kuala Lumpur with its chairperson Najib Abdul Razak saying that the coalition's component parties have 'agreed to disagree' over it.

Najib (photo) said the rally should only be held in the designated area and must not be held or pass by its original intended places like Bukit Bintang, Petaling Street and Low Yat Plaza.

"We (the BN supreme council) have discussed at length about the proposal by certain groups to hold the Sept 16 rally. All BN component parties gave their opinions and we agreed to disagree about the stands.

"There are opinions that Sept 16 is not a suitable date for the rally and as the BN chairperson, I respected these opinions.

"If the rally was to be held, it needs to adhere to the existing laws of the country," he told a press conference after chairing a BN supreme council meeting at the Umno headquarters in Kuala Lumpur tonight.

Umno has said they are not involved in the planning of the rally although they have not forbidden their members from being involved.

MCA and MIC had made their stand clear in that they opposed the rally.

The rally, organised by the National Silat Federation (Pesaka) was given the green light by City Hall to be held at Padang Merbok on Wednesday.

Najib reminded the rally-goers not to incite hatred or provoke as they are liable to be charges under Sedition Act if they broke the law.

### **Top leaders won't be around**

"All the country's laws must be followed, meaning they can't bring racially-tinged posters that bear seditious or racial sentiments.

"There also can't be any scuffles or fights and the police have been asked to make sure security is tight and all the routes taken by the protesters must not go to places that could incite provocation on that day," he said.

Najib also revealed that all the top BN leaders will be in Sabah on Wednesday to celebrate Malaysia Day there.

Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said police have received 67 complaints about the rally so far and insisted that he won't let the protesters march to sensitive areas that day.

"So far, we have received 67 reports being four from MCA, three from DAP and the rest from others individuals and organisations.

"What important is that we will not allow any procession to go through places like Bukit Bintang and Petaling Street," he said when met after the meeting.

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