

**Najib set to announce cabinet reshuffle after minister resigns**  
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak is set to announce a cabinet reshuffle after Douglas Uggah Embas resigned as Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister.

Douglas tendered his resignation to take up position as one of three Sarawak's [deputy chief ministers](#) after winning the Bukit Saban seat in the May 7 state election.

Furthermore, there is also a vacancy for the position of deputy minister in the same ministry after the incumbent Noriah Kasnon perished in a helicopter accident while campaigning in the Sarawak election on May 5.

"The federal cabinet restructuring and new appointments to fulfil current needs and vacancies will be announced in the near period, following the passing of Noriah Kasnon and Douglas Uggah's appointment (as deputy chief minister) in Sarawak," Najib said in a blog posting tonight.

In accepting Douglas' resignation from the federal government, Najib praised the new deputy chief minister for his stellar performance during his time in the plantation industries and commodities ministry, including his move to stabilise the price of oil palm fruits.

"I am confident his excellent performance will also be reflected in his new position as deputy chief minister," he said.

At the same time, Najib said he is also saddened by the helicopter tragedy in Sarawak.