

Umno has a lot of opposing views with EC's proposal, says PM
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Umno also has a long list of objections to the Election Commission's proposed redelineation exercise too, according to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

Therefore, he said it is incorrect to claim that Umno has accepted the proposal.

"No. Umno also has a lot of opposing views," the Umno president told a press conference after chairing the BN supreme council meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

Najib said other BN component parties also had differing views regarding the redelineation exercise.

In view of this, the prime minister revealed that a special committee chaired by the coalition's secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor would be formed to look into the matter.

He said the differing views are due to the effects and implications of the proposed redelineation, which must be taken into account from various aspects.

"So the (supreme council) meeting proposed that we gather the views and proposals (from all component parties) through the (special committee)," he added.

The proposed redelineation has drawn criticism from opposition politicians as well as election watchdogs.

Critics described it as a gerrymandering exercise to ensure BN's victory in the next polls, which some speculated might take place as soon as next March.

Najib however rubbished this, saying "the EC is an independent body, that works at their own discretion."

He said the redelineation has widespread implications that extended beyond BN-held seats.

However, he stressed that the EC's proposal is just a preliminary draft, and not final.

Asked how soon the committee would submit its proposal to the EC, Najib said it would be done soon within the time frame set by the commission.

"We won't delay, we must follow the law," he added.

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