

Galas: Ku Li to meet Najib on Monday
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Prime Minister and BN chairperson Najib Abdul Razak and Gua Musang Member of Parliament Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah are scheduled to meet on Monday on the upcoming Galas state by-election in Kelantan, BN secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said today.

He said the meeting would discuss the BN candidate as well as the strategy to be used by the BN to recapture the seat, which fell vacant following the death of the PAS assemblyman, Che Hashim Sulaima, 46, on Sept 27.

The meeting is scheduled to take place at Parliament House. The Dewan Rakyat begins its budget session on Monday.

Tengku Razaleigh, upon his return today from an overseas trip, said he agreed to his appointment as the BN election director for the by-election but added that a proposal to field him as the candidate could only be decided after a meeting with Najib.

"I thank Tengku Razaleigh (for accepting the appointment of election director) and we will arrange a meeting between Tengku Razaleigh and the party president (Najib) for them to discuss (the by-election)," he told reporters after launching the "Juara Rakyat" programme and a reception in conjunction with the National Language month at the Putrajaya level.

On another matter, Tengku Adnan said his remarks about Umno Youth and Puteri Umno were more of an advice by a father to his children.

He said it would be unfair to interpret the remarks as a sweeping statement because the Umno management knew what was happening in every wing and division.

"I am the secretary. I am the secretary for the Youth, Wanita and Puteri wings. Mine was a fatherly advice," he said.

Tengku Adnan had reportedly chided the Youth and Puteri wings for being interested only in positions, causing Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin and Puteri Umno chief Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin to express disappointment over the remarks.

Tengku Adnan said that at the management meetings, he had cautioned wings or divisions.

"I always caution them if they are out of track. I don't mean any malice to anybody," he said.

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