

Najib slept at 3am on first day as PM  
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Najib Abdul Razak stayed up late on his first day as prime minister where he spent his time watching

Astro Awani, which had been analysing his maiden speech made last night.

The 55-year-old newly minted premier said he did not have much sleep today, as he was watching the political analysis.

"You know this channel carried an analysis of what was said. I had stayed up late viewing the analysis, and only slept at 3am."

Najib said he was happy with the positive feedback, especially on the release of the 13 ISA detainees and also the proposed amendment or review of the ISA.

"I think the general feedback has been good and this is something which I want to hear. I will aspire with what has set out that is to have 'One Malaysia' and providing good service to the people," said the prime minister, who has a blog called '1Malaysia'.

He said he had slept late watching the TV programmes and woke up a few hours later feeling the adrenaline rush on being the prime minister when he read the morning papers.

However, he said he will remain true to himself by serving the country well.

Najib entered politics at the age of 23, following the death of his father, the nation's second prime minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein.

He had served as Pahang menteri besar, deputy and full minister and deputy prime minister before ascending to his present post as the sixth premier yesterday.

He met statesman and former Umno president Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and their family for about two hours, where the fourth prime minister handed his membership form to rejoin Umno.

### **Received congratulatory messages**

Following the press conference at noon, Najib sent Mahathir off and later obliged journalists and photographers who had covered the press conference by taking photos with them.

Mahathir Mohamad visits Najib Razak in Putrajaya He later told reporters that he received several congratulatory messages via SMS from Singapore leaders, and friends from the United States and Britain, and would receive a call from SBY (Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono) later tonight.

Mahathir also commented at the press conference that he had released 21 ISA detainees when he became the prime minister, and this was a good start to Najib's premiership.

Asked about whether the government would be releasing more ISA prisoners, Najib said he was unable to reveal that.

Meanwhile, despite being tired after getting so little sleep, Najib was up and about in Kuala Lumpur in the afternoon for a walking tour of several key areas in the city.

Right after giving his first press conference as prime minister, Najib went to Petaling Street, or better known as the city's Chinatown, in an apparent bid to woo Chinese supporters there.

The area, famous for its street market, falls under the Bukit Bintang constituency held by DAP parliamentarian Fong Kui Lun.

"I welcome the visit by the new prime minister to my constituency. With Petaling Street being a Chinese-dominated area, I believe that Najib wants to work towards building a united Malaysia.

"In the light of the economic crisis, we should be together in weathering future obstacles ahead of us," Fong told Malaysiakini when asked to comment on Najib's visit.

A visit to the predominantly Malay populated area of Kerinchi was also on his day's itinerary.

Kerinchi is a suburban location that falls under the Lembah Pantai parliamentary constituency whose current MP Nurul Izzah is the daughter of his arch-rival Anwar Ibrahim.

According to her press secretary, Ibrahim Sani, Najib's visit comes as no surprise to them.

"Nurul Izzah will start an upbeat campaign among residents in the Kerinchi area right after the by-elections on April 7 and we feel that Najib fears that the Malay support towards BN there would wane," he told Malaysiakini.

The prime minister later went to the Indian-dominated working class area of Brickfields to meet with residents there. He also found time for a break at a restaurant with his entourage where he enjoyed a tosai.

Najib's visit caused a traffic crawl in the busy streets of Brickfields but shopkeepers did not seem bothered as the prime minister's surprise visit was an honour to them.

Najib was accompanied on his rounds today by his wife Rosmah and Federal Territories Minister Zulhasnan Rafique.