

Clinton called to express concern for Najib and Anwar
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PUTRAJAYA - The US state secretary Hillary Clinton had called on Tuesday both Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, who is recuperating from chicken pox, and the opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, who she didn't meet in her three-day visit to Malaysia.

Bernama reported that Clinton had engaged in a telephone conversation with PM on Tuesday morning and wished him a speedy recovery from his illness so he could resume his work soonest possible.

"I wished the prime minister a speedy recovery. I am sorry if we are not able to meet in person but I did have a phone call with him earlier today, and hope that he is back in full swing soon," she told reporters at a joint press conference with Foreign Minister Anifah Aman.

Najib's media director Tengku Sariffuddin Tengku Ahmad said other than checking on Najib's condition, the conversation also revolved around some issues on bilateral relations.

The prime minister had also apologised for not being able to meet Clinton on her first visit to the country.

Meanwhile, Anwar told reporters that Clinton had called him Tuesday night to send regards to his wife Wan Azizah Wan Ibrahim.

Anwar said the US state secretary also asked him about his ongoing second sodomy trial and informed him that the US government will keep tabs on the case, MI reported.

He said Clinton asked him to apologise to Azizah, who is also PKR president, for failing to greet her during a function on Tuesday morning.

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