

BN offers direct membership
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KUALA LUMPUR – To make Barisan Nasional more accessible, the Prime Minister today announced that it is now open to direct membership from individuals and association.

Najib Abdul Razak, who is also the Barisan chairman, said individuals could join the coalition as associate members while associations including the NGOs would be accepted as affiliate members.

However, the rights and roles of such members would be debated and decided at Barisan's convention next week, he said after the coalition's supreme council meeting.

The Star reported that the decision to allow direct membership was to provide a platform for those who were not interested in being members of any of the coalition's 13 component parties but subscribed to Barisan's spirit and concept.

Najib said the direct membership would take effect once Barisan headquarters notified the Registrar of Society of the amendment to its constitution

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