

PM: I Have Understanding With Taib On Leadership Change
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SRI AMAN -- Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said he has an understanding with Sarawak Chief Minister Abdul Taib Mahmud on the change of leadership in the state, and this will be revealed when the time comes.

He said the change of state leadership needed a proper plan to ensure that no problems arose from it.

"The transition is there. We have a very good relationship with the state government. The most important thing is to have a smooth transition.

"We cannot simply jump into making a quick solution without studying the implications of a change in leadership," he told reporters after visiting Sri Aman Hospital here yesterday.

"We don't want the party and the government having problems (when the change of leadership takes place)," he said.

Asked about the current election campaign in Sarawak, the Barisan Nasional chairman said that it seemed to be proceeding very well with no untoward incidents reported.

Najib said that Sarawak is a very huge state area with 71 constituencies seats, and he could not be everywhere.

BN appeared to be doing quite well in the constituencies that he visited, he said, but noted that opposition too was working very hard.

Although support for BN seemed to be at a "good" level, efforts must be stepped up to win the hearts of the people, Najib said.

"I am talking in general terms. There are grey areas, and there are areas which have improved," he said.

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