

Nazri: BTN courses will be revamped

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Decision made in Cabinet meeting, says minister

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Nazri Abd Aziz insists that the National Civics Bureau (BTN) courses will be revamped and not upgraded, as this was a Cabinet decision.

"The decision to revamp the course modules was made a few weeks back in a Cabinet meeting and the Chief Secretary was supposed to inform BTN.

"I am aware of the choice of word that I have used. You can say it is a revamp, you can say upgrade, or improve.

"I was present at the Cabinet meeting. I can't be lying," Nazri told reporters at the Parliament Lobby yesterday.

Nazri, who is Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, was commenting on a statement made earlier by Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ahmad Maslan, who said there would be no major revamp of the courses but instead continuous improvement would be carried.

Nazri added that the decision was made "long before" the Selangor government barred all state civil servants, students in state-run institutions of higher learning and employees of state government-linked companies from attending the courses.

He said BTN courses were introduced to boost the confidence of Malays who suffered from inferiority complex but

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should now be revamped so it would be in line with the 1Malaysia concept.

Ahmad, who is in charge of BTN, said improved modules were being implemented since April, and they would be continuously upgraded.

"What he meant was to bring improvements to the 1Malaysia module," he said in clarifying Nazri's statement made on Monday.

"What was directed (by the Prime Minister) was to upgrade the BTN modules."

Asked if there would be a major revamp to the courses since the 1Malaysia module had already been included, Ahmad said there was nothing wrong with the current course structure.

Ahmad also denied allegations of racial hatred and disunity being taught in BTN courses.