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Cabinet to finalise royal panel

PUTRAJAYA: The cabinet is finalising details of the Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) panel on the Teoh Beng Hock case.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the cabinet was still "going through some names".

"I have yet to seek an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin as he is overseas," he said after hosting a lun-

cheon for the Malaysian football team at his official residence here yesterday.

Last week, Najib announced the formation of the RCI following the death of Teoh, a political aide, two years ago.

It was reported that an announcement on the panel members would be made this week.

The RCI would comprise eminent

and respected individuals hand-picked by the government, and would be given three months to complete the probe.

It will determine if Teoh's basic rights were violated during his questioning by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

The 30-year-old political aide to Seri Kembangan assemblyman Ean Yong Hian Wah was found dead on

July 16, 2009, hours after he was questioned by the MACC.

The coroner in the inquest to determine the cause of Teoh's death, returned an open verdict, ruling out suicide, but saying there was insufficient evidence to prove homicide.

Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail also filed an application at the Shah Alam High Court for a revision of the open verdict.