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Meetings are part of transformation process, says Najib



Meeting with the chief: Najib having a discussion with (from right) Petra Jaya MP Datuk Fadillah Yusof, Santubong MP Datuk Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar and Mas Gading MP Datuk Dr Tiki Lafa as Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor listens.
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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's meeting with 105 Barisan Nasional MPs is part of a long-term political transformation process and is not solely about the general election.

The Barisan chairman said it was to address problems affecting the people and to ensure that Barisan MPs were providing effective service in their respective constituencies.

"We declared in the last Barisan general assembly that we would launch a programme on the political transformation of the overall Barisan leadership from the highest leadership to the grassroots, including branch heads.

"Today's meeting is part of the various transformation methods we are implementing to enable us to serve the people better.

"It is based on Barisan's aim of putting the people first.

"We want to ensure the effectiveness of each MP in the eyes of the people," he told a press conference yesterday after meeting the MPs.

The meeting was also attended by Barisan secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor. Seven Barisan MPs did not attend the meeting, but according to Najib, they had given him explanation letters on why they could not make it.

Najib said Cabinet members were not invited to the meeting because they could meet him on separate occasions.

Najib met the MPs in sets of three, with each given five minutes to brief the Prime Minister of the status of their respective constituencies.

The meeting started at 9.30am and ended at 5.30pm, with Najib only taking a break during lunch.

The MPs were swarmed by the media as soon as they exited the private room at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

"Generally, I am satisfied with their performance but there is still room for improvement.

"The meeting was more towards listening to the people's problems. The MPs need the federal and state governments' help to serve the people and become better MPs," he added.

Asked about constituencies that are under opposition MPs, Najib said he would hold a meeting with Barisan division chiefs to find out the status of development and problems in those areas.