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Najib: Budget feedback positive

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ASSURANCE: Government will execute all that is listed out in the Budget, says prime minister

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ABOUT two weeks after the 2013 Budget was tabled on Sept 28, the feedback has been promising and it shows that it is well accepted by the people.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who is also Barisan Nasional chairman, said this after chairing the BN's supreme council meeting last night.

"On the contrary, Pakatan Rakyat's shadow budget has failed to be

accepted by many, including analysts.

"The analysts feel that the PR's budget cannot be upheld as it does not have (the elements) of credibility nor sustainability which will only bring damaging results to the nation's economy."

Najib added the government would continue explaining to the people what was entailed in the 111 "touch points" or initiatives tabled in the 2013 Budget.

"The government will execute what has been listed out (in the Budget) and we will fulfil our promises."

On PR's shadow cabinet, Najib

said it was just a propaganda or merely a game to confuse the people.

"They are very good in giving confusing statements. Some of them had denied the shadow cabinet line-up posted online, but others said it was the (official) line up.

"And, some said they do not need a shadow cabinet because if they win they can form the cabinet.

"If they cannot do something that will benefit politically, they will use lies and trickery."

Najib also said the Pakatan's shadow cabinet did not have a

strong foundation as it had failed to include a balance of representatives from the different parties.

The PR shadow cabinet, the prime minister said, could be used for the people to judge if the opposition was credible or otherwise.

On his meeting with billionaire financier George Soros in New York two years ago, Najib said it was merely a courtesy call.

"Yes, I met him (Soros). It was a mere courtesy call as it was Soros who wanted to meet me. What's wrong with that?"

"We neither discussed on how to overthrow a government

nor did we talk about getting funding.

"There was nothing untoward, nothing sinister and nothing to worry about.

"My meeting with Soros took place after his meeting with (Tun) Dr Mahathir (Mohamad)."

Earlier, Najib said the two-hour BN supreme council meeting had also looked at various current issues.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who is also BN deputy chairman and BN secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.