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# Najib wishes Lee speedy recovery

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Singapore leader had taken ill during rally

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has wished his Singaporean counterpart Lee Hsien Loong a speedy recovery after the latter took ill while delivering a speech on Sunday.

"Heard that you're not feeling well. I hope you're all right. Get well soon," said Najib to Lee via his Twitter account late on Sunday.

"Thanks for your good wishes. My doctors tell me I should be OK," Lee replied at 2am.

Lee, 64, had briefly taken ill during Singapore's National Day Rally (NDR) on Sunday, but the Singaporean leader returned just over an hour later to conclude his speech.

He was scheduled to end his English speech at 10pm after delivering his Malay and Mandarin versions earlier in the evening.

Lee managed to continue his speech after almost an hour of rest and finished his speech in 15 minutes.

He went to Singapore General Hospital for a precautionary check-up immediately after delivering his speech.

In his NDR speech, Lee had touched on the city-state's relationship with Malaysia and Indonesia, describing them as two of the most important partners.

Meanwhile, a statement from the Singapore Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said Lee, on the advice of his doctors, would be on medical leave and would resume his duties next week on Monday.

The statement said Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean will cover the duties of the prime minister in his absence.

The PMO said Lee underwent a series of checks at Singapore General Hospital on Sunday night and yesterday morning.

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taken ill during the NDR due to a temporary drop in blood pressure, due to prolonged standing, exhaustion and dehydration.

"Doctors have confirmed there were no cardiac abnormalities and no stroke," it said.

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