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# PM, Adenan meet on devolution

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak had a meeting with Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem here yesterday.

The meeting lasted nearly two hours before the silver Mercedes bearing the hornbill crest with the words "Ketua Menteri Sarawak" on its front grille exited the Perdana Putra complex at 6pm.

The Sarawak chief minister was reported as saying on Tuesday that the meeting with the prime minister was to discuss the devo-

lution of powers to the Sarawak government.

However, he kept mum on the issues involved, saying that they were confidential.

Adenan had pledged to keep the people of Sarawak updated on the progress of the exercise and had said the Federal Government had agreed, in principle, to give the state a certain degree of empowerment.

But this would take time to implement as it was a complex matter, he said, adding that he would take it one step at a time and hoped that Sarawak and its people could enjoy its results within five years.

So far, Adenan said, the Federal Government had agreed to stop issuing deep sea fishing licences in Sarawak waters, ensure that 90 per cent of teachers in the state were locals in three years, and increase the number of Immigration officers in the state.



Chief Minister **Tan Sri Adenan Satem's** official car exiting the **Perdana Putra** complex in Putrajaya yesterday. Pic by Fariz Iswadi Ismail