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# Najib: Govt studying views before deciding on Memali RCI

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The government is studying various views before making a decision on whether it will form a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) on the Memali siege.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the government had not rejected the possibility of holding the RCI, provided that it centred on establishing facts and truths about the incident.

“It (such RCI) must benefit us, in terms of seeking facts and truths (on the incident).

“We will look into the views of

many, including those involved and affected, before deciding,” Najib said after the Umno supreme council meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre yesterday.

The Memali incident in 1985 saw 18 people killed in a clash between authorities moving in to arrest Pas figure Ibrahim Mahmud, and villagers defending the latter.

The issue resurfaced after a question on the controversy was thrown to former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad during Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia’s Nothing to Hide 2.0 forum.