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# Govt establishes exco to lead govt projects for efficiency, integrity

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*Govt will emulate the structured administrative mechanism in all future govt projects, says Najib*

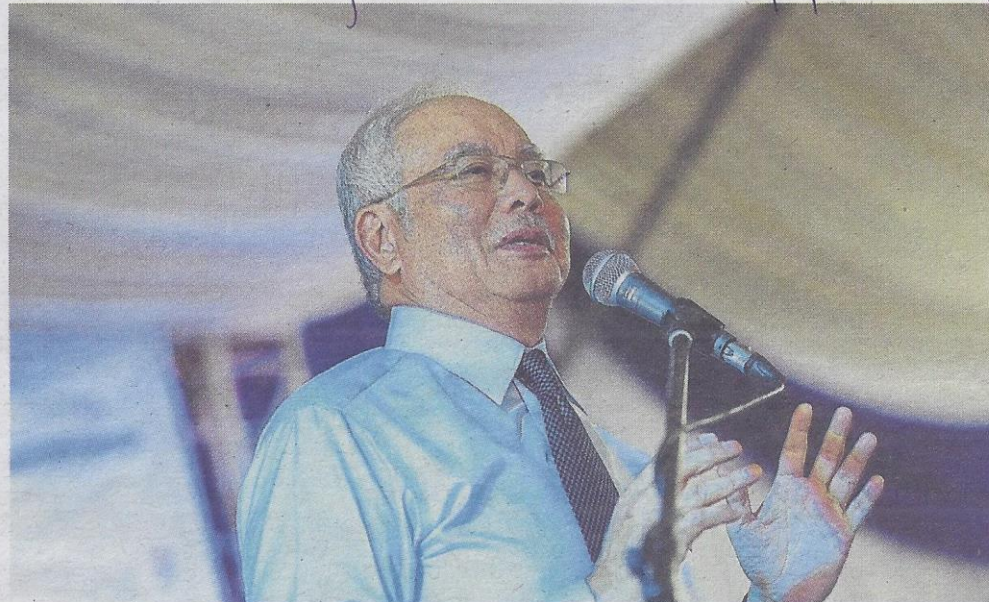
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ALL future government projects will each be led by an executive committee (exco), which comprises all stakeholders, including representatives from the anti-graft agency and the audit department.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak said an exco with effective members will ensure efficiency and integrity in the project's development.

The recently launched Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line was the first government project to be supervised by an exco, led by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa.

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mechanism in all future government projects, following success in speedy and efficient completion of the MRT's first line," Najib, who is also the finance minister, told Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

He was responding to a

query from Simpang Renggam MP Datuk Liang Teck Meng, who had asked the government to state the impact of the MRT project, which did not have a concession yet was completed successfully.

Najib added that the exco

will also ensure an efficient implementation based on transparency and integrity with very minimal bureaucracy, in contrary to traditional national project development.

"Through the exco, matters like allocation or obstacles that

prohibit the progress of the project can be addressed or resolved immediately.

"The exco structure has helped to accelerate the implementation of the MRT project and contributed to the success factor of the project," he said.

Stressing that there will be no compromise to transparency, good governance and integrity, Najib said the MRT project exco members included representatives from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and the National Audit Department.

"This has ensured that the project has a good level of transparency and integrity," he said.

The MRT SBK Line, launched on July 17, was a fully government-borne project and it was completed on schedule, while having saved RM2 billion from its original construction cost.

"The advantage of this project, borne directly by the government, was that the government could strictly control and closely monitor the project implementation," Najib said.