

# PM to brief Cabinet on possible HSR revival

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**PETALING JAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob is scheduled to brief the Cabinet tomorrow on the possible revival of the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High Speed Rail (HSR) project.

"The joint statement by the prime ministers of both countries was made after their meeting and it has yet to be brought to the Cabinet.

"I anticipate that the Prime Minister will report to the Cabinet the outcome of the meeting

between the two of them," said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong when wrapping up the debate at the committee stage on Budget 2022 allocations for his ministry.

Dr Wee was referring to remarks made during a joint press conference by Ismail Sabri and his counterpart Lee Hsien Loong on Monday when both leaders attended the launch of the land Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL-Land) in Singapore.

Lee had said that Singapore is open to fresh proposals from Malaysia on the HSR project and

that the transport ministries of both nations would discuss the matter.

Malaysia and Singapore had previously announced the termination of the HSR project.

Asked by Datuk Seri Ahmad Maslan (BN-Pontian) if there was a time frame for negotiations on the revival of the project, Dr Wee said no.

"No time frame or duration has been fixed as it was merely a statement issued by the prime ministers after their meeting," he said.

If there were any further progress on the matter, he said other relevant agencies would be roped

in to assist in the planning.

Dr Wee dispelled claims that former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak was present during the meeting between Ismail Sabri and Lee.

According to RSN Rayer (PH-Jelutong), there had been photographs circulated on social media showing Najib at the meeting.

Apart from himself, Dr Wee said that among those present were International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali and senior officers from other ministries.