

GE15 ANY TIME NOW, SAYS ISMAIL SABRI

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PM calls on BN parties to step up preparations to avoid 2018 'nightmare'

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ALL Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties must work hard, strengthen unity and prepare for the 15th General Election (GE15), which may be called "any time now".

Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said this was important to avoid a recurrence of the coalition's GE14 performance in 2018, which he described as a "nightmare" of Pakatan Harapan holding power for 22 months.

The prime minister, who is also one of three Umno vice-presidents, said BN should not be complacent despite the people appearing to support the coalition again.

"When we are ready, I will not delay even for a second to dissolve Parliament (to pave the way for the general election).

"However, as agreed during the Umno general assembly, I will discuss the matter with the 'Top Five' (leaders in the party) during the supreme council meeting.

"And today, I agree to discuss the matter with the top leadership in BN to decide on the date (of GE15)," said the Bera member

of parliament, in his speech at the BN convention here yesterday.

Ismail Sabri said the outcome of the state polls and by-elections after GE14 showed that people were confident in BN.

"This also showed that we can offer the people political stability while prospering the economy."

Ismail Sabri made three proposals for BN to prepare for GE15.

He suggested that his government continue efforts to achieve a first-world work culture in the country, and for BN to exhaust all avenues to win the hearts of the people.

"The first-world work culture is defined as working in a team with discipline and loyalty to the party. BN leaders and members are not only loyal during the good times but also when the coalition is facing challenges.

"As for winning the hearts of the people, as prime minister, I will ensure that all government policies benefit the people."

Ismail Sabri called on BN to come up with a winning strategy for GE15.

"The strategy must focus on strengthening the election machinery of component parties. A strong BN Federal Government will create political stability and also contribute towards economic prosperity in the region."