

Cabinet not affected by Johor polls: PM

BERA: The results of the Johor state election, which saw Barisan Nasional scoring a landslide victory, would not affect relations among ministers and deputy ministers from other parties at the federal government level, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

He said the first Cabinet meeting after the state election would be held this week, and he is optimistic that all its members would be professional and make the right decisions for

political stability and the people's well-being.

"We are professionals and would focus on national policies and issues. As professionals, we in the Cabinet need to discuss and decide the country's policies together. There is no issue of us quarrelling just because we are from different parties.

"In the Malacca state election, we also clashed with one another but the clashes were not taken to the Cabinet. Although the fight was intense in

Johor, it would not be taken to the Cabinet. I am hopeful and confident of it," he said after officiating at the Malaysian Family Driving Licence Aid Programme yesterday.

Also present were Road Transport Department director-general Datuk Zailani Hashim and Pahang Public Works, Transport and Health Committee chairman Datuk Seri Norolazali Sulaiman.

Ismail Sabri also expressed hope that all parties that contested in the

Johor polls, including those that lost, would extend support and cooperation to the menteri besar as political stability was important for the development of the state.

On calls by some quarters for the general election to be held soon, Ismail Sabri stressed that the general election would only be held when the relevant aspects and parties were ready.

On the memorandum of understanding signed with Pakatan

Harapan to reduce politicking after being appointed prime minister, Ismail Sabri said it was still too early for him to talk about the future of the agreement, which ends on July 31.

Ismail Sabri, who is also Umno vice-president, also said the direction of the party and its decision on the Muafakat Nasional formed with PAS would be among the main topics to be deliberated at the Umno general assembly scheduled to start on Wednesday. - Bernama