

**Set Aside Political Interest – Chandra
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PUTRAJAYA, July 28 (Bernama) -- The nation and people should come first, hence all quarters need to set aside their political, group and individual interests.

This was basically the main message that came out of the 1Malaysia Online Roundtable dialogue yesterday that was chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, as disclosed by 1Malaysia Foundation chairman Dr Chandra Muzaffar, who was also involved in the dialogue.

"The personalities who participated in the dialogue were selected based on their background and contributions to society, with some comprising activists, professionals and leaders of non-governmental organisations.

"Many of them are icons as they have their own following. We can influence them through these icons and convey the message on the nation's future," he said.

Among the prominent personalities and experts who attended the roundtable dialogue were Malaysia Airlines managing director Tengku Datuk Seri Azmil Zahrudin, Fomca president Datuk N. Marimuthu, Limkokwing University founder Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing, former footballer Serbegeth Singh, national squash player Azlan Iskandar, television personality Aznil Nawawi and singer Amy Search.

Chandra described the dialogue as open and some very sound ideas were put forward on some current challenging issues faced by the people.

"Most of these issues revolved around unity, the economy, increase in price of goods and the country's political future.

"The discussions can benefit all parties as the ideas can be translated into policies and programmes for the people," he said.

Chandra said the prime minister paid serious attention to all views given and assured that certain issues would be attended to.

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