

Najib Invited To ANC's 100th Anniversary

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From Nor Faridah A. Rashid PERTH, Oct 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said he has been invited by South African President Jacob Zuma to the African National Congress (ANC) 100th anniversary next year.

He said Zuma appreciated the support given by Malaysia to his country since Apartheid.

"Therefore, he is inviting me to attend the anniversary celebration," he told Malaysian journalists after a bilateral meeting with Zuma here.

He said Zuma also hoped relations between Malaysia and South Africa be given a new lease of life.

"This is because although bilateral relations have been forged for so long, lately, the result has not been as expected," said the prime minister, who is here for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

Najib also held a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister of Pakistan Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani.

"Pakistan also regards Malaysia as a old friend and is keen to further expand relations between Malaysia and Pakistan," he said.

Najib said he had also received an invitation from Gilani to visit Pakistan.

Meanwhile, when asked on the "Commonwealth Charter", Najib said no decision was made on the matter at the meeting which he attended Friday.

"In principle, we have no objection because it is a process of consolidating the values and principles concerning the Commonwealth," he added.

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