

PM: Tuesday meeting limited to Barisan Mentris Besar and Chief Ministers
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KUALA LUMPUR: Mentris Besar from Pakatan Rakyat states were not invited to a recent meeting as the attendance was limited to Barisan Nasional Mentris Besar and Chief Ministers.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Tuesday event was a coordination meeting between the federal and state governments.

He said the Federal Government would invite all the state leaders, including those from Pakatan, if the meeting was stipulated under the Federal Constitution.

"We invite Mentris Besar and Chief Ministers from the Opposition for meetings such as the national land council, the local government and national finance committee.

"It is a common practice for us not to invite them for this meeting, so the question of them being sidelined should not arise.

"They (Pakatan) hold meetings all the time and we are not invited to attend," he told reporters after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting here.

Selangor Mentri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim had expressed regret that Pakatan Mentris Besar were not invited to attend the meeting and described the move as unprofessional.

Meanwhile, on the setting up of the Royal Commission of Inquiry on illegal immigrants in Sabah, the Prime Minister said the matter was being considered.

He also said the National Feedlot Centre issue was not discussed in the meeting, adding that Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil attended the meeting, but not the press conference.

He said Umno would hold its 66th anniversary at Stadium Merdeka on May 11.

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