

'Claim of PM meeting military officers baseless'

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NOT TRUTH: Armed forces chief says Nizar's allegation unfounded

KUALA LUMPUR: NO meeting was held between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and senior military officers to discuss the next general election's outcome as alleged.

The armed forces, in response to a statement by former Perak menteri besar Datuk Seri Mohammad Nizar Jamaluddin in one of his ceramah recently, dismissed it as a "baseless accusation".

Armed forces chief Gen Tan Sri Zulkifeli Mohd Zin said they were frustrated with the politically motivated allegation.

He said the statement was also seen as an attempt to discredit the armed forces and the prime minister.

"Such politically motivated and seditious statements can confuse the citizens and jeopardise our country's stability.

"It is very frustrating that there are irresponsible parties today who will resort to poisoning the people's mind into losing their trust in the government and the armed forces; all for the sake of their political survival," he said at the armed forces headquarters in Jalan Padang Tembak here yesterday.

Zulkifeli said the armed forces would also lodge a police report so that investigations and legal action could be carried out against Nizar for his statement.

"I urge the people not to believe such allegation against the armed forces as we are always professional and hold to the Constitution in conducting our duties to the country."

It was reported in a local daily yesterday that Nizar, who is also the Pasir Panjang assemblyman, had alleged that there was a meeting between Najib and senior military officers from all three services -- the army, navy and air force to discuss the next general election.

During the ceramah at Taman Desa Pakatan in Pengkalan, Perak, on Monday night, Nizar said that Najib had asked the officers "to do something" should Barisan Nasional lose in the election.

Nizar then went on alleging that the military officers had replied that "they would be with the people".

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