

**Najib Announces Setting Up Of RCI To Probe Issue Of Illegal Immigrants In Sabah**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 1 (Bernama) -- The government has agreed to set up a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) to investigate problems related to illegal immigrants in Sabah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced Friday.

He said the government was committed to resolving the issue as it could affect the well-being of the people of Sabah.

"It is hoped that the people of Sabah will take advantage of this RCI and together with the Government find the strategies and best approaches to tackle the problems concerned," he said in a statement here.

Najib said the decision was made after taking into consideration the views from all quarters.

"The Attorney-General's Chambers has been entrusted with the responsibility to come up with the Terms of Reference (TOR) and the initial draft has been prepared.

"To ensure the RCI functions smoothly, I have asked the AG's Chambers to get views and feedback from all quarters on the draft before the TOR is finalised," he said.

The Prime Minister said the setting up of the RCI was a manifestation of the determination of the government in upholding the constitution and the rule of law.

It is reported that the number of illegal immigrants in Sabah is estimated to be above 500,000 people.

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