

PM To Make Decision On Lajim Ukim's Position On Monday
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PEKAN, July 28 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said a decision on Datuk Lajim Ukim's position as Deputy Housing and Local Government Ministry would be made on Monday.

The Prime Minister, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman and Umno president, said Lajim's decision to quit as Umno Supreme Council member, Beaufort Umno chief and Beaufort Barisan Nasional chairman was something that had been expected by him and Umno.

"It had been expected because his actions and statements he had been making lately were contrary to the party's policies.

"I am not surprised by his decision, In any a case no one is bigger than the party and it is loyalty that counts.

"We accept the fact that there is a difference in opinions between us but these can be resolved through the right channels and it is only whether it can be done quickly or not," he told reporters after performing the terawih prayers at Masjid Ubudiah Kampung Mambang in Chini here.

Najib said leaders quitting Umno was not something new as even the party founder Datuk Onn Jaafar himself had taken this path.

"Nevertheless, as an experienced party, we can overcome this challenge," he said.

Lajim Ukin Saturday announced his resignation in Kota Kinabalu as Umno Supreme Council member, Beaufort Umno division chief and Beaufort Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, with immediate effect.

However, he said he would maintain his post as Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister as this was for the Prime Minister to decide and would remain as an Umno member unless the party decides to sack him.

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