

**Meeting With Soros Normal Courtesy Call - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Najib Razak clarified that his meeting with currency speculator George Soros two years ago in New York was just a normal courtesy call.

"Yes I met him. What's wrong with that. It is a normal courtesy call between two parties.

"Nothing to worry about. Even not an issue about toppling government. We did not talk about financial backing. Nothing sinister.

"He (Soros) wanted to meet me. In fact, (former prime minister) Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had come earlier to meet him," he told reporters after chairing a Barisan Nasional (BN) Supreme Council meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre here Friday night.

It had been reported that the opposition was playing up the issue in trying to stir up the people and wanted Najib to explain why he had met Soros.

At the media conference, Najib, who is also BN chairman, was also asked about who had given Sabah Umno RM40 million and the purpose of giving the money.

Najib explained that it was a normal practice for political parties to receive donations as long as the proper procedures were followed.

"It is a political donation. Every political party has the right to receive a donation as long as it comes in a proper way.

"Opposition also receives. You can ask the opposition the same question," he said.

Recently the Attorney-General's Chambers had ruled that there were no elements of corruption concerning the donation to Sabah Umno.

The AG's Chambers said the contribution was for the Sabah Umno liason committee and not for the personal use of Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman.

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