

It's up to Hadi to contest in Pekan, says Najib
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VIENTIANE: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said he would leave it to Pas president Datuk Seri Hadi Awang to contest the Pekan parliamentary seat in the next general election.

Najib, who is also Umno president and Pekan member of parliament, said Hadi could choose to contest any seat in the country.

"I don't think it (Hadi contesting in Pekan) will happen. Anyway, I leave it to him," he told Malaysian journalists here yesterday.

Najib was asked about a report in a Malay tabloid on Friday that Hadi had indicated his willingness to contest in Pekan in the next general election.

Najib also said he believed that Hadi was not serious in making the statement.

The prime minister is here to attend the ninth Asia-Europe Meeting Summit.

In Kuala Lumpur, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said one should just wait and see who wanted to contest against Najib in Pekan.

"Politicians sometimes say things they do not mean. So, let's not be bothered by this."

He was responding to reports that politician Datuk Zaid Ibrahim wanted to contest in Pekan, too.

This followed an earlier statement from Hadi that he was willing to contest in any seat, including Pekan.

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