

**Najib Announces Dissolution Of Dewan Rakyat  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today announced the dissolution of the 12th Dewan Rakyat to pave the way for the 13th general election.

The special announcement was made at his office at the Perdana Putra Building in Putrajaya and was carried live over all major radio and television stations at 11.30 am.

Najib announced the dissolution of the Dewan Rakyat on the fourth anniversary to the date of his having assumed the post of prime minister.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and the other members of his Cabinet, were also present during the announcement. The male members of the Cabinet were attired in dark suit and wore a red tie.

The announcement was most awaited by Malaysians, and the excitement grew as it was announced earlier today that the prime minister was going to make a special announcement over radio and television.

Najib said the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mua'adzam Shah, gave the consent today for the dissolution of the Dewan Rakyat.

The prime minister had an audience this morning with Tuanku Abdul Halim at the Istana Negara.

Following that, he chaired the weekly meeting of the Cabinet in Putrajaya.

In his announcement, which took 13 minutes, Najib expressed his appreciation to Malaysians for having placed their trust in the Barisan Nasional (BN) government to helm the country over the past five years.

"I and my colleagues very much appreciate and uphold your trust. We have given our best for Malaysia and its citizens," he said.

The prime minister said that over the past four years, Malaysians had seen and experienced for themselves how the national transformation had improved the people's well-being and national prosperity.

The national transformation encompassed the Government Transformation Programme (GTP), the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP), the Political Transformation Programme (PTP) and the Social Transformation Programme (STP).

Najib said the government of today was a responsible government which placed the interests of the people above everything else.

"We are a government which fulfilled promises and cherished the trust placed in us.

"Ours was not the way of engaging in sweet talk. Our commitment can be evaluated and gauged from our performance and track record over the past four years," he said.

Najib said he and his fellow BN leaders would begin to go down to the ground to meet the people all over the country to convince them why the BN should be given the opportunity to

form the next government with a strong majority.

"We will use the strong mandate given, God willing, to redouble our efforts to chart a better, more meaningful and more prosperous future for all of you and your children and grandchildren," he said.

The prime minister also reminded the people to exercise their responsibility as voters and not waste their chance to elect a government that would uphold the people's aspirations.

"Every one of your votes is important. Do not waste them. Do not gamble away the future of your children and the country.

"Think wisely before making a decision because your votes will determine not only the direction of the country and the states but also the destiny of our children and grandchildren," he said.

The prime minister advised the heads of state governments to have an audience with the heads of the states to seek the dissolution of the respective state legislative assemblies.

He said this was to enable the holding of the elections simultaneously throughout the country.

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