

**April 3 Auspicious Day To Dissolve Dewan Rakyat, Says Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak said that Wednesday, April 3, was a good and auspicious day to dissolve the Dewan Rakyat.

"It was a good and auspicious day ... the Cabinet (members) happened to be there and yesterday also marked my fourth year as the prime minister," he said when asked why he opted to dissolve the Dewan Rakyat Wednesday.

He dismissed claims that that he had purposely delayed the dissolution because of fear to face the opposition, but insisted he needed sufficient time to implement the plans outlined for the nation before seeking a fresh mandate from the people.

"Actually, in my mind I wanted four years because (that is the time) we require from the time of planning, implementation, execution and getting results (from the plans).

"If you work in a government, you will realise that you require a decent time. It is not because we are afraid to face the opposition," he told a news conference after chairing meetings of the Umno Supreme Council and the BN Supreme Council at the Menara Dato' Onn, here.

Najib, who is also the BN chairman and Umno president, announced the dissolution of the 12th Dewan Rakyat yesterday to pave the way for the 13th general election.

Speculation had been rife over the past few months on the date to be chosen by the prime minister to dissolve the Dewan Rakyat.

Some people had even linked yesterday's date to Najib's favourite number 11.

According to Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia, the speaker of the last Dewan Rakyat, the term of the 12th Parliament was four years and 11 months, the longest in Malaysian history.

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