

**Expulsion Letters For BN Members Contesting As Independents Issued On Monday
- Najib
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PEKAN, April 20 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said expulsion letters for Barisan Nasional (BN) component party leaders and members who are standing as independent candidates in the May 5 poll will be issued on Monday.

The Prime Minister, who is also the BN chairman, said the expulsion was aimed at maintaining discipline among BN members so that they would give priority to the party above personal interest.

"One of the resolutions, anyone (BN leaders and members) contesting on an Independent ticket, cannot remain as a party member.

"As such, the party will take action on Monday to issue expulsion letters to members contesting as Independent candidates in the general election this time," he said in his speech at a luncheon at his residence, here today.

The BN members standing as Independent candidates in the general election include Wanita Umno vice-head Datuk Kamalia Ibrahim, who is standing in the parliamentary constituency of Kuala Kangsar (Perak) and Datuk Seri Mohd Shariff Omar standing in the parliamentary constituency of Tasek Gelugor (Penang).

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