

**Najib confident BN will do well in Johor**  
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JOHOR BARU: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has voiced confidence in Johor remaining a Barisan Nasional (BN) bastion in the next general election.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said Najib was confident that BN would wrest seats it had lost in the last general election from the opposition.

In the 2008 general election, BN won 25 out of the 26 parliamentary seats and 50 out of the 56 state assembly seats contested.

"He was very optimistic about BN's chances in Johor," said Ghani, after a state Umno and BN closed-door meeting with Najib at the Persada Johor International Convention Centre here yesterday.

Ghani, who is also Johor Umno liaison committee chairman, said Najib was briefed on preparations by the Johor BN election machinery.

"We are confident that Johor BN is ready to face the election. However, there are several constituencies that need more attention to increase the people's support to ensure victory."

Ghani said the meeting did not address the list of candidates.

"We have submitted the list of potential candidates a while back. We will leave the matter to the prime minister to decide."

MIC deputy president Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam said the party's candidates' list for Johor had been set, barring last-minute changes.

He said there were no changes in the seats for MIC in the state.

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