

Najib is Selangor BN's election director for upcoming polls

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has been appointed as the Selangor Barisan Nasional election director in a bid to recapture the state back from the Opposition in the upcoming general elections.

Selangor Barisan Nasional secretary Datuk Mohamed Idris Abu Bakar said the decision was made during a meeting on Saturday night where leaders met at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) to strategise the steps to recapture Selangor, which was chaired by the Prime Minister himself.

"The state Barisan leadership welcomed and accepted the decision as it was part of the coalition's strategy to win back the state.

"A few important matters were discussed during the meeting including the appointment of the Prime Minister as the state election director while Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Mohamed had been selected to become the his deputy," he said in a statement on Sunday.

It was reported that the Election Commission had estimated that Selangor recorded the biggest jump with the number of new voters rising 29.06 percent from 1,565,494 in 2008 to 2,020,500 in the third quarter of last year.

Mohamed Idris said that Barisan was optimistic in winning more seats and taking back Selangor in the polls.

"Our preparation is at the most optimum level and we are ready to deploy our machinery at any time during the campaigning period," he said.

He also noted that a special election simulation for the machinery would be conducted to test the readiness of their officers during the election.

"The simulation will involve all parties as our election machinery officers would become the backbone behind our strategy to disseminate our policies and campaign to the grass root level," he said.

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