

**Najib: National conciliation plan does not foreshadow unity government**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 29 — The national conciliation plan does not signal that the government is looking to share office with the opposition, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said late today, as he sought to dispel false hopes about the plan.

The prime minister, who claimed that he had mooted the idea before it was taken up by other parties, said the path ahead lies in fostering unity through changes that his government hopes to bring.

“I must make it clear that these plans do not include the formation of any sort of unity government,” Najib said in a statement.

He argued that his government had been given a strong mandate by the people which he hoped to fulfil.

He also said that the opposition has a role to play.

“I am now heartened to see that the Opposition is calling for a consensus and I am sure that they will welcome this new development.”

He added that the government must look at becoming more inclusive.

“We are open to talking to all parties and we can use Parliament including the setting up of bipartisan committees to discuss issues affecting national unity.”

Najib also said the national plan is based on democratic principles and that he will lead the implementation of changes that he hopes will bring unity.

“We will continue to defend the freedom to voice one’s views but this must also be tempered with responsibility,” he said.

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