

PM's brother to form a new party?

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KUALA LUMPUR, The Prime Minister's brother, Datuk Seri Nazir Razak, is reported to be forming a new non-partisan political party that will reach out to all races.

According to Asia Sentinel, the CIMB Group chairman had been meeting with several leaders in his headquarters in the United Kingdom and Kuala Lumpur in an attempt to end divisive racial politics.

The report also claimed Nazir had chosen Global Movement of Moderates chief Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah as the face of the proposed new party, while he remained behind the scenes.

"Nazir is said to have been meeting with moderates, including Chinese leaders in the campaign, to formulate the new political party, which would, if successful, dramatically redraw the country's political landscape, fracturing party lines laid down before the British colonists handed Malaysia back to its own people in 1957.

"Nazir's friends have advised him that he must emerge as the prime mover or it won't work.

"Saifuddin, as much as he is respected as a moderate, doesn't have the widespread clout to attract support," stated the report.

The plan however, Asia Sentinel wrote, was considered a long shot as it would mean he would be going against his brother, Datuk Seri Najib Razak, as well as the legacy of his father, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, who founded Umno and served as the country's second Prime Minister.

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