

Najib Presents Kedah Council of Regency Proposals to Solve MB Crisis
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said he handed over to the Kedah Council of Regency on Friday several proposals for a solution to the menteri besar crisis in the state.

He did not state what the proposals were but said any development on the matter would be announced in due course.

"I informed the Umno Supreme Council (at its meeting today) that I had had an audience with the chairman of the council of regency (here) this morning, and I had handed over several proposals on behalf of Umno.

"The developments will be announced in due course," he told a news conference after chairing a meeting of the Umno Supreme Council here.

Najib was asked whether today's meeting of the council had discussed the position of Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Tun Mahathir who is facing an expression of no-confidence by several state Umno leaders.

Asked about media reports that three people had been named as the possible candidates to take over from Mukhriz, Najib said: "I will inform later, the proposals were not rejected, the audience went well."

Najib said that as the Umno president he took note of and gave serious consideration to the leadership crisis in Kedah.

"We heard there was a problem. It was a decision of the Umno divisional chiefs. Fourteen divisional chiefs arrived at a decision on the matter.

Therefore, as the president, I have to take note of it and give serious attention to the stand taken by the Umno divisional chiefs," he said.

Mukhriz's position as the menteri besar came into question on Jan 20 after almost all the Umno divisional chiefs in Kedah expressed no-confidence in his leadership as the menteri besar and state Umno liaison committee chairman.

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