

Najib: Anwar was trying to launch a revolution

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JOHOR BARU: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim attempted to initiate a revolution and not a reformation as claimed, Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said yesterday.

"He has rejected everything, be it Umno, the Government, the police force, the judiciary, everything," he said.

He said that if Anwar had wanted to make changes it could have been done in a more diplomatic manner by working together with the Government and Umno.

Instead, Najib said, Anwar had tried to cause problems and political instability and had already made plans to topple his

mentor, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, even when the premiership was already promised to him.

When this failed, he added, Anwar created trouble by inciting hatred for the Government, police and the judicial system.

"Anwar had wanted to become the Prime Minister at all cost. He is willing to set up the movement so he can topple the Barisan Nasional government and be elected Prime Minister if the Opposition wins.

"That is why he now befriends DAP's Lim Kit Siang, the very same person who criticised him

when he was the Deputy Prime Minister," he told over 200 Tebrau Umno division members at a leadership course.

On allegations of police brutality, Najib said that "police were not that stupid to present him in public with black and blue marks all over him."

Najib urged Umno members to remain calm and not to be emotional as they had to continue with the party's struggle and agenda.

He also said party members should not boycott their counterparts who were Anwar's supporters, saying Umno members must remain united.