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PUT ASIDE TRIVIAL MATTERS, UMNO MEMBERS TOLD

JOHOR BAHRU, Nov 22 (Bernama) -- Umno members should set aside petty matters and concentrate on efforts in strengthening the party, Umno vice president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

The members should ensure that their loyalty was for the nation and party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he said when opening the seminar on Umno voters and membership registration organised by Pulai Umno division, here.

Najib said the democracy practised in the country was the best since it took into account peace and stability apart from attracting investments for the economic growth.

"That is why we should stand against those out to create trouble in the country including illegal assemblies by certain groups," said Najib, who is Education Minister.

He said remarks by United States Vice President Al Gore in support of the so-called "reformasi" movement clearly showed that that country attempted to interfere in Malaysia's affairs.

"Do not compare us with Hitler or Stalin since we are more democratic than several other nations. Anyhow, no opposition parties in the country have objected to our system," he said.

Najib said it was not wrong to criticise the government but the act of asking the people to riot could not be accepted.

He said the reformasi movement was not chosen by the people and those involved should have set up a political party to stand against the Barisan Nasional.

On Umno members' recruitment, Najib said this effort should be stepped up since the party would be stronger if it had more members.

He said the recruitment of more Umno members was important since the party was the only mass movement for the Malays who were the largest voice in deciding whether Umno would continue ruling or otherwise.

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