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Najib-Threats

UMNO SHOULD NOT GIVE IN TO THREATS- NAJIB

SEREMBAN, May 20 (Bernama) -- Umno should not give in to threats as this will become a practice which will be difficult to check in the future, party vice president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

He said if Umno were to bow to members threatening to quit the party or join other parties if their demands were not met, it would only go to show that there was no discipline in the party.

Next time if the person did not get a government contract or was not selected as a candidate for election he would threaten to quit the party or defect to another and this would become a practice which would be difficult to stop, he said.

He said this when asked to comment on the Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that Umno would not bow to such threats from members. Earlier Najib attended a briefing session on current affairs organised by the Rasah Umno Division here.

Datuk Abdullah Omar whose election as Muar Umno Division head was nullified by the Umno Disciplinary Board over money politics was reported to have said that he was likely to leave the party if his appeal to the Umno Supreme Council was not upheld. The Umno Supreme Council meets tomorrow.

Najib urged Umno members whose wishes or demands were not met to abide by the party president's call and not resort to actions that would damage Umno's interests.

He also urged members to register themselves as voters during the current voter registration exercise.

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