

Party to reflect on achievements at 56th anniversary on May 11

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. -- Umno will celebrate its 56th anniversary on May 11 at Stadium Mclawati in Shah Alam.

The celebration will reflect on the party's efforts to improve the standing of Malays in society as well as to appreciate the contributions of past leaders.

Party vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the celebrations to be themed *Umno Per-*

juangan Sebuah Bangsa (Umno

The Struggle of a Race). would be the first time such an event was held outside the party headquarters.

It is expected to draw some 12,000 party members, leaders and veterans.

"We have chosen this venue as it can accommodate more than 13,000 people and the celebration can be held indoors. The Merdeka Hall of the Putra World Trade Centre can

only accommodate 3,000.

"Many of the party veterans could not join in when we held the celebrations at the PWTC the last time," he said.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to deliver the key-note address.

"It is important we celebrate the anniversary because Umno is a party that has brought major changes to the country."