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KUALA LUMPUR, 20 May (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Razak today agreed that the Barisan Nasional, especially Umno, cannot afford to be defensive in the fight against the opposition.

He said adopting such a stand would give the impression that the BN was indeed at wrong.

"We also know the opposition's weakness...they do not keep to their promises and there's a lack of understanding among themselves," he said.

Najib, who is Defence Minister, was speaking to reporters after presenting excellent service awards to ministry staff.

He was commenting on yesterday's statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is BN chairman, that BN component parties should go on the offensive in the fight against opposition parties.

Najib added, however, that the offensive against the opposition should be based on principles.

On Dr Mahathir's call to BN component member to avoid jostling for high party posts, Najib said this was to prevent conflicts within the party.

He said unity within the party was the key to the success of the BN.

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