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UMNO MEMBERS NEED NOT OVER-REACT OVER HADI AWANG'S STATEMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 2 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak advised party members not to "over-react" with regard to the statement by PAS acting president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang on the power transition in Umno at the end of October.

He said Hadi's statement that there would be a power struggle in Umno after the retirement of Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was a provocation.

"I want Umno members not to be easily `rattled' by Hadi Awang's statement which is more a provocation," said Najib, who is also Defence Minister, at a media conference at the Ministry of Defence, here today.

Hadi Awang, who is also Terengganu Menteri Besar, was reported as saying recently that he anticipated a power struggle in Umno when Dr Mahathir retired in October.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir expressed confidence that the transition of power in Umno in October would be smooth and peaceful.

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