

Umno MP: Najib must strongly push his agenda
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Umno MP Nur Jazlan Mohamed called on his party president Najib Abdul Razak to be more aggressive in bringing change to Umno.

The Pulai MP said Najib must be driven by more intellectual discourse in Umno, so that the party can keep up with the times.

“He (Najib) needs to be a more stern leader and to be steadfast in his agenda.

“I know I will get into trouble (for saying this) but when Najib talks about bringing change in Umno, it doesn’t just mean changing old people with the new.

“He should at least encourage intellectual discussions and be more considerate,” he said in a forum on freedom of speech by the Bar Council last night.

Najib has been roundly criticised for going back on his 2012 promise to repeal the Sedition Act 1948, when he announced the Act will be retained in his Umno general assembly winding up speech on Nov 27.

The Umno chief said he is fulfilling his responsibilities to party members who want it to stay.

Thrilled with this, deputy prime minister Muhyiddin Yassin had described the decision to keep the Act as final.

However, the U-turn received flak from various quarters, including US ambassador to Malaysia Joseph Yun, who expressed concern that the Act will be used to stamp out dissent to the ruling party.

'Adam Ali future national leader'

On a separate matter, Nur Jazlan praised fellow panelist and student activist Adam Adli as a national leader.

He said Adam’s articulate nature is reminiscent of opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim when the latter was a student leader.

“I can say that Adam (left) is smart. This man will be a national leader. Why? Because he dares to be different.

“This was what was done 25 years ago by leaders like Anwar Ibrahim and (Perkasa

president) Ibrahim Ali.

“In the future, your generation will be the ones to think of such things and bring about change. It will all depend on you,” Nur Jazlan said.

Ironically, Adam is one of the many caught in Najib's sedition dragnet this year that built up to the Umno AGM.

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