

**Don't give empty support to Najib, urges Tajuddin**  
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Umno supreme council member Tajuddin Abdul Rahman has hit out at some party leaders and members for being sychophants and giving empty support to president Najib Abdul Razak.

Such an attitude, he said, should be erased and instead, they should work at gaining public support for the party in the next general election to ensure that Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) remained in power.

“What is happening now is that many express their support for the prime minister, but it's empty support.

“If we cannot give (to BN) the parliamentary and state seats, we don't need to talk about support,” he said in his speech when opening the Indera Mahkota Umno division Youth delegates' meeting in Kuantan late last night.

Tajuddin, who is also Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Deputy Minister, said currently, the commitment of most Umno leaders and members was half-hearted and they were not willing to face the challenges.

“The challenges faced by the party now are tougher and worse than in 2013. If we observe, not many people speak well of the government now.

“It shows we are facing problems which, if not tackled fast, the party's performance in the next general election will decline further,” he said at the meeting which ended early today.

In this regard, Tajuddin said Umno members needed to change and return to the party's original struggle of serving the people, religion and country.

The attitude of placing personal interest above the party's should be cast aside but to focus on the people's needs instead, he added.

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