

Najib spooks Umno with 'anti-Malay, anti-Islam' DAP
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UMNO AGM DAP is back as Umno's number one enemy, with party president Najib Abdul Razak portraying it as a threat to the bumiputera and Islam.

In his speech at the Umno annual general assembly today, Najib said Islam would surely be "belittled" if DAP comes to power.

"We (Umno) will not let that happen. As our forefathers vowed, over my dead body and over the bodies of all Malays.

"We will rise and go all out to defend (Islam)!" Najib declared.

The prime minister also said that if the "liberal" DAP came into power, Malay privileges and institutions, such as Mara, Felda and Felcra, would "go extinct".

Similarly he said, the bumiputera exclusive Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) would no longer be able to uphold its founding principles.

"If the Malays and bumiputera can see what is evident and what is hidden in my speech, about the terrible outcome and the nightmare that may come and beset their lives and fates, I am sure that the Malays and bumiputera will feel afraid and worry.

"Thus they will hold on dearly to Umno as the only party that will be able to protect the fate of their offsprings and fight for their future," Najib said.

As such, he hoped that if the people had to choose between DAP or Umno, they would choose Umno.

Najib's speech to the party this year, attacking Umno's external enemies, is a shift from last year's speech, which sought to quell internal rebellion after his then deputy Muhyiddin Yassin was removed from government.

'Chinese rights may erode'

Yesterday, Umno Youth vice-chief Khairul Azwan Harun painted a bleak future for the Chinese community, should they continue to support DAP.

Khairul Azwan said this may result in Umno and the bumiputera parties in Sabah and Sarawak dominating the government, which could result in eroded rights and privileges for the Chinese.

Najib in his speech also sang praises for PAS, which has become estranged from the opposition after a fallout with DAP.

In the spirit of Muslim unity, Najib thanked PAS for not walking out on his Budget 2017 speech, as the rest of the opposition did, and also for not taking part in the Nov 19 Bersih rally.

"This is the time. This is the moment that was awaited together, a long awaited united ummah. AllahuAkbar! AllahuAkbar" he cried.

He also said PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang's motion on proposed amendments to strengthen the syariah court should not be politicised.

Non-Muslims, Najib added, had no need to fear the amendments as these would only apply to Muslims.

The amended motion is on a bill that seeks to raise the present punishment cap to 30 years' jail, RM100,000 fine and 100 strokes of the whip.

The current syariah punishment cap is three years' imprisonment, RM5,000 fine and six strokes of the whip.

The government fast-tracked the motion in Parliament for a second time last Thursday.

Hadi read out the motion, but said he would elaborate further on it at the next Parliament session.

PAS and Umno have grown closer since the demise of Pakatan Rakyat, and both Hadi and Najib are set to join a rally on Dec 4 to protest against the genocide of the Rohingyas.