

**Umno will not turn into extremist Islamic party: Najib**  
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Najib Razak said today the participation of many ulama in Umno will not turn the party into an extremist Islamic party.

On the other hand, the prime minister said, their participation proved that the policy of Umno's struggles in promoting the sanctity of Islam in the country was recognised by the ulama.

"We don't want Umno to be perceived as an extremist party. Islam is actually not a religion that practices extremism. So, we will champion Islam that is acceptable to everyone," he told reporters after opening a programme organised by YaPEIM, the Muslim economic development foundation, in Kuantan.

young ulama join umno 250610 03Also present was the prime minister's wife, Rosmah Mansor, who is the patron of YaPEIM, and the chairman of the YaPEIM board of trustees, Ahmad Tajudin Abdul Rahman.

He was commenting on the move by 40 young ulama throughout the country who had submitted their Umno membership forms to him in Kuala Lumpur last night (photos).

Party welcomes Islamic intellectuals

Najib, who is also the Umno president, said the party had always welcomed intellectuals well-versed in Islam to join Umno.

young ulama join umno 250610 02"I hope this marks the beginning of more participation by academicians in Islamic studies to join and support the Umno cause," he said.

The prime minister said Umno had proven that the policies of its struggles all this while had made Malaysia into a model Muslim nation at the international level.

"We will continue to strengthen Umno's struggles and ensure that what we are doing is in line with the wishes and requirements of Islam," he said.

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