

Najib reassures party faithful about 1Malaysia
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Najib Razak has called on Umno members not to harbour any suspicion or be unduly worried over the 1Malaysia concept as it does not deviate from what was agreed upon by the nation's forefathers.

The Umno president told delegates who gathered for the party's general assembly here that 1Malaysia was a celebration of Malaysia's plurality and diversity from which the country drew its strength.

"It is for this reason that the government introduced the idea of 1Malaysia. Indeed, 1Malaysia is not a new concept or formula.

"Instead, the final objective of 1Malaysia is national unity, which has also been the main vision of previous Umno leaders, and translated into the various manifestation of strategic work plans over the past five decades," Najib said when opening the Umno general assembly at Putra World Trade Centre today.

The prime minister said that from the day patriots fought for the nation's independence until today, the effort to forge national unity had been a priority and would continue to be so.

No threat to Article 153

Najib said that everyone was aware that without unity, it would be impossible to realise the objectives and visions the nation had set out to achieve.

He said the 1Malaysia concept was based upon several pillar principles, among them the departure from unity based on tolerance to one that was based on acceptance, social justice and shared values, taking into consideration the nation's historical reality and guided by the supremacy of the constitution and the Rukunegara (national principles).

"I would like to stress that the 1Malaysia concept does not in any way digress from the spirit of the federal constitution as the law of the country, either written or unwritten.

"In fact, we will continue to uphold core provisions such as Article 3, Article 4, Article 152, Article 153 as well as Part II and III of the federal constitution," he said.

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