

Najib: We must defend Putrajaya
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KUALA LUMPUR - Najib Abdul Razak has called on Umno members not to lose their faith, even for a moment, in defending Umno and Barisan Nasional's struggles in leading the country.

"Come what may, Putrajaya must be defended," said the Prime Minister, who is also Umno President.

Najib said Umno should go through three phases; firstly, by admitting its weaknesses and problems; secondly, by making self-reflection and finding ways to improve itself; and thirdly, by launching its action plan.

"It is compulsory for Umno to undergo the three phases properly. If not, the plan to change will not succeed," he said when opening the Umno General Assembly 2010 at Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre, here Thursday.

In his speech, themed 'Empowering the Race to Lead Prosperity', Najib also reminded the Umno members that Umno's struggle was also the struggle of all Malaysian people.

He said as the majority group, who made up 67% of the Malaysian population, the Malays had a leadership obligation above their own interests.

"This obligation was naturally entrusted on the Malays," he said.

However, he said the continuous trust given by other races should be an encouragement for the Malays to improve themselves and become the facilitator among the races.

On the social contract which had become the pillar of national unity, Najib said all quarters should respect the noble contract as "it is key to the continuity and survival of the nation."

He said a new track of racial relations in Malaysia should be built based on two important principles--that the future would be shared by all races and that the history, today's reality and future potential would also be taken into consideration.

While stressing that Umno was born due to the intuition and aspiration of the Malays, the Umno president also recalled the challenges faced by Umno since 1951.

He said in 1951, Umno faced its biggest challenge when its founder and president left the party and PAS was formed.

In 1969, Umno and its allies lost the two-third majority in the Dewan Rakyat. Then, the party split in 1987, declared as unlawful society (1988) and was hit by a political tsunami (2008).

Nevertheless, he said Umno managed to bounce back because its leaders and members had always had their feet on the ground and never, even for a moment, lost faith in the party's struggle.

Najib went on encouraging the party members to keep their faith in the party.

"Ayuh... Jangankan gerimis, hujan pun mari kita redahi..."Jangankan ribut, taufan pun mesti kita harungi...

"Jangankan air bah, gelombang badai pun harus berani kita renangi..."

"Jangankan gerhana, kelam gelita pun pasti kita terangi..." — Bernama

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