

# Rely less on 30pc Bumi quota, Najib tells Malays

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Najib Razak has urged Malays to rely less on the 30 per cent Bumiputera quota and political leverage to stay competitive with other races.

He would like to see more Malays going into businesses where they have 100 per cent control.

"We Malays are capable of competing with other races and this is what Malays should do," he said after opening the Wangsa Maju Umno division's annual meeting

at Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

Present were Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Zulhasnan Rafique and Wangsa Maju division acting chief Datuk Zainal Nazeri Zainuddin.

Najib, who is also deputy prime minister, said the Malays would make headway in the stiff competition by mastering the know-how instead of relying too much on "know who" and lobbying.

He also urged Umno's 3.3 million members to stand united and approach the coming general election with high moral principles.

"We must have strong commit-

ment towards the party. We can plan but God will decide whether it will go through or not.

"Look at Parti Keadilan Rakyat. They have one plan after another trying to win the people's trust. I got the worst of it with slander committed against me. Now there are doctored pictures of me. This is a dirty political play.

"Umno must hold fast to morality and principles because Allah will help us. Let the opposition continue with its slander against us but we should not follow suit," he said.

Najib also said the members should stop asking what the par-

ty could do for them and instead ask what they could do for the party.

"My late father always told me to look after the party.

"We should put the party above everything else, including personal gains."

Later in the afternoon, at the opening of the Titiwangsa Umno division annual meeting, Najib said he wanted urban Malays to pick up the pace and keep up with progress.

He said Malays would benefit from the multi-million development of Kampung Baru, which is in the Titiwangsa constituency.