

# Malays urged to discard 30% mindset

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Malay community has been urged to "be bolder" and less reliant on the 30% bumiputra equity ownership policy in securing contracts.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said Malays must be willing to compete among the best in the community and not depend on the policy.

"It will be more dignified for the Government to help the Malays build up their businesses without relying on the 30% bumiputra equity ownership policy. Then, they can own 100% ownership. This is the globalised era. They must be bolder to make changes," he said at the opening of Wangsa Maju Umno delegates meeting here yesterday.

"Helping the best among the Malays is not about lobbying and not about knowing who (political connections)."

Najib also urged Umno members to uphold "high moral" politics because the party could win the next general election if they were honest.

He said slander by Parti Keadilan Rakyat was an example of "immoral" politics.

"Don't create something out of nothing. If there is no picture, don't use technological expertise to create one. That is slander, a game of immoral politics," he said.

He was referring to a fake photograph posted on an opposition blog showing him sitting at a dinner table with a woman who resembles Altantuya Shaariibuu, the Mongolian woman who was killed last October, and political analyst Abdul Razak Baginda.

"Let them slander us. We must hold on to politics with high moral grounds."

Najib also called on the Malays to provide undivided support to Barisan Nasional candidates in the general election so that they could become the "deciding factor" for Barisan's victory.