

Najib: Let authorities decide

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They can look into speeches made by Umno delegates

KUALA LUMPUR: Umno would leave it to the authorities concerned to look into the incidents of some delegates allegedly going "overboard" in their speeches at the party's just-concluded general assembly.

Party deputy president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said three speakers had been

singled out for speeches that slighted the feelings of the non-Malays.

He said the issue was raised at the Cabinet meeting yesterday, which looked into the positive and negative aspects of the live telecast of the assembly over Astro.

"What the speakers brought

up did not reflect the true picture or the overall picture," Najib, who is also the Defence Minister, said at the ministry here yesterday.

Non-Malays, most of them seeing the live proceedings of an Umno general assembly for the first time, were critical of the way some delegates exhort-

ed their feelings in championing the cause of the Malays.

The delegates singled out were Hasnoor Sidang Hussein (from Malacca), Datuk Azimi Daim (Kedah) and Hashim Suboh (Perlis).

Najib, who is deputy Prime Minister, said party president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad

Badawi went into damage control mode in his winding-up speech by explaining everything.

"I believe Umno's partners in the Barisan Nasional fully understood that there is no change in our policy.

"Umno is steadfast in recognising the contributions of all

communities to nation building," he said.

"On whether it was wise to televise the general assembly proceedings live, the supreme council will discuss it and decide," he added.

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