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# Time to repair image

## Key issues to be addressed at Barisan convention

**PUTRAJAYA:** Restoring the Barisan Nasional's image, putting the people's interest first, preparing for the general election and 1 Malaysia are among the issues to be raised by Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak in his address at the Barisan convention today.

The Prime Minister and Barisan chairman will focus on his "People First, Performance Now" approach and drive home the message of the importance of inclusiveness and how Malaysia can excel and prosper through unity in diversity,

Barisan secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, who said this, added that Najib was also expected to direct component parties to do some "repair work" on the coalition's image.

"Barisan's image has been somewhat tarnished by the Opposition with half-truths.

'This needs to be addressed and the coalition needs all component parties to work together on this.

"While the chairman is not expected to discuss details of the next general election, he is expected to remind all Barisan elected representatives to work as if the election were to be held tomorrow," Tengku Adnan told reporters after launching the Putrajaya Umno carnival yesterday.

The convention, to be held at Wisma MCA, will be attended by 2,340 delegates from 13 component parties. The last convention was



**Getting ready:** MCA staff busy at work yesterday sprucing up Wisma MCA for the all-important Barisan Nasional Convention. This is the first time that Wisma MCA has been chosen as the venue for the coalition convention. — BRIAN MOH / The Star

held in 2001.

Tengku Adnan said the floor would be open to all component parties to speak on seven topics - 1 Malaysia, socio-economy, security, education, religion, government delivery system, and law and corruption.

He said Barisan deputy chairman and Deputy

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek and MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu would speak on the 1 Malaysia concept.

The coalition's Wanita chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Jalil and Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin are the two other speakers.



One voice, one mission

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek, Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and SUPP president Tan Sri Dr George Chan lifting their hands and Raising their voices in support of the coalition during the Barisan Nasional Convention dinner at Seri Perdana, Putrajaya, last night. More than 2,000 BN delegates attended the dinner.

- AZMAN GHANI / The Star