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# Rallying the troops

## PM rouses BN to get set for polls and warns them of 'political diseases'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Datuk Sen Najib Tun Razak rallied the Barisan Nasional in preparation for the next polls, telling component parties that they must defend Putrajaya for the people's sake.

Speaking to 2,340 delegates from 13 parties at the coalition's first convention held since 2001, the Prime Minister and Barisan chairman cautioned them about the four "political diseases" - delusion, amnesia, inertia and arrogance - which he said could crush the ruling coalition.

Barisan also unveiled a charter promising, among others, to strengthen multi-racialism in line with the 1 Malaysia concept.

Other points raised during the one-day convention were:

- > Sabah and Sarawak Barisan leaders, whose representatives hold the bulk of seats in Parliament, want more federal help in education, welfare, development and national integration;

- > MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek called for every component party to have an equal voice to raise issues affecting the people to ensure that Barisan remained the people's coalition of choice.

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**One voice:** Najib with the leaders of Barisan Nasional component parties singing the coalition's anthem during the Barisan Nasional convention at Wisma MCA yesterday. — AZHAR MAHFUF/The Star