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# Umno's struggle isn't over, says Najib

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Datuk Seri Najib Razak said Umno needs to be continuously strengthened as the struggle to make it stronger will never end.

The prime minister said there were many challenges that would come in the way of Umno as the party that Malays relied on.

"Bigger challenges await us. Our struggle is not over. We need to strengthen Umno further because Umno is the backbone and party that brings hope to Malays."

Najib said this at a breaking of fast event that he and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, hosted for friends and Umno division heads of the party's Puteri, Pemuda and Wanita wings at his official residence, Seri Perdana, here, last night.

He said he hoped that the Umno polls, which will be held soon, would proceed smoothly.

Najib also celebrated his 60th birthday by a cutting a *pulut kuning* (yellow glutinous rice) cake with Rosmah and family members.

He received a number of cakes that were contributed by various quarters.

"My thanks to all for being present here today, especially my network of friends from the time I was the Umno Youth head.

"We are all now much older, but at least we are reuniting once a year and this time, in conjunction with my birthday, which was yesterday."

More than 2,000 guests attended the event, including a group of orphans, who were given Aidilfitri gifts by Najib. **Bernama**