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'Be loyal to the party'

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Najib: If Umno is to sail smoothly, no member must have ill intent

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SEREMBAN: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak says he can accept it if his critics "thump tables" in front of him to make a point but he cannot tolerate Umno members who speak ill of the party or its leader when outside.

"Always remember that any ship will have only one captain. Never attempt to bore a hole in the ship's body if you are in it as we will all drown," the party president said when opening the Seremban Umno meeting here yesterday.

Najib said there was always a place for criticism.

"You can make your point or argue with me and I am all right with that. But when you are outside, you must not only be loyal to the party but should defend it at any cost," he said.

"Yes, there are problems, just like during the 22 years when Tun Dr Mahathir (Mohamad) was Prime Minister," he pointed out.

"But these problems can be addressed if we remain united and focused," he said, adding that when he was an Umno Youth chief, he had to work hard to get some divisions to support the party leadership then.

Najib said he was most upset that foreigners, through the *Sarawak Report* website, were now attacking his leadership.

"They want to determine who



Meeting the reps:
Najib with delegates at the Seremban Umno meeting today.

should lead Malaysia. I cannot stomach this one bit and I hope Umno members will also reject them," he said.

Najib said he was also glad that Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who was removed from the Cabinet on Tuesday, had pledged to remain loyal to Umno.

"That is the only way Umno can remain strong and continue to govern," he said.

On the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) saga, Najib said the people should know that the *rakyat's* money was not used to fund it.

"1MDB has made big investments and borrowed money for this. There is no such thing as RM42bil having disappeared.

"We hope to resolve this within the next six months," he said.

On a separate matter, Najib said he would once again propose in Parliament that political parties be required to declare their source of funding. He had made a similar proposal in 2011 but it was shot down by the DAP.

"We (Barisan Nasional) are prepared to reveal our source of funding but the others must do so as well," he said.

At the meeting, a 49-page booklet titled *22 Jawapan Najib Razak*, published by the Special Affairs Department, was distributed to the delegates.

In it, the Prime Minister tackles a range of hot topics, including the murder of Mongolian Altantuya Shaariibuu, 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M), 1MDB, the purchase of a government executive jet, the Goods and Services Tax and accusations by Dr Mahathir.

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