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**Najib: Use
social media
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IPOH: Umno members must harness the power of social media to address the slander spread by the opposition, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

The party president said this was important as nowadays many things were uploaded and said on these online platforms and they were often regarded as the truth.

"Social media has now become like a form of mainstream media. Newspapers have become a secondary source to obtain information. How Umno adapts to this is something that needs to be looked into."

He was addressing a crowd of almost 7,000 at the closing of the Perak Umno convention at Stadium Indera Mulia, here, last night.

Najib cited the example of the PKR rally held in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, where pro-opposition social media users estimated that there were 20,000 people. Police, however, said there 2,000.

"The blogs may have put the estimate at 20,000 people but it was not so. Our gathering here tonight is much bigger.

"Such things have become a game on social media. Things that are right are seen as something wrong. As the government, the onus is on us to correct (the slander)."

Najib urged Umno members to change their mindsets to deal with a new political landscape, because the party needed to win the hearts and minds of a younger generation of voters. He said the "old politics" of merely announcing allocations when going to the ground did not cut it in today's political environment.