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'Don't bring down Umno presidency'

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betray institution: Najib

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TAIPING: All Umno members were reminded yesterday not to bring down the institution of the party's presidency as this may weaken the party.

"We can have differences and misunderstanding but that does not mean it must be used as a platform to betray and weaken the institution," Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Najib

Abdul Razak told delegates after opening the Taiping, Bagan Serai, Parit Buntar and Bukit Gantang Umno division delegates meetings here yesterday.

"There is a red line and we should not cross it. Differences and views can be settled in accordance with the constitution and Malay culture," he said.

"You can love me as the president but one day my successor will take over (duties of president). If the party is weak, who will become the leader to bring us forward? So to make sure that the party is not weak, all divisions need to keep the harmony," he said.

Najib took a swipe at those who had

once hit out at the Opposition by calling it as anti-Islam and anti-Malays but now are willing to work and conspire with it.

"These are people who have no political morality. Party members must hold to their struggle and not allow themselves to be undermined and betrayed," he added.

Najib threw a challenge to the Parit Buntar and Bukit Gantang divisions to win their respective parliamentary seats in the next general election.

Umno only won Bagan Serai while the other seats went to the Opposition in the 2013 general election.

"Due to internal problems we lost the seats but with consensus we can win big."