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Focus on bigger battles, say delegates

Umno members ready to move on to GE14 instead of dwelling on Dr M

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DELEGATES who debated Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's keynote address have made it clear that they want to move on and focus on the bigger battle ahead instead of dwelling on Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Some of them talked about what they saw as a betrayal by former Umno members Dr Mahathir, his son Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal.

However, most of them focused on what Umno needed to do in the run-up to the 14th General Election (GE14).

Kelantan delegate Mohd Syahbuddin Hashim said Dr Mahathir should forget about toppling Najib, as the Prime Minister had spent the 22 years that Dr Mahathir was in power studying his leadership style.

"Najib has studied all the books written by that man (Dr Mahathir)



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and he (Dr Mahathir) is struggling to find a new formula to oust Najib," he added.

Penang delegate Datuk Dr Shaik Hussein Mydin said following the departure of the former leaders,

those who remained were wholly loyal to Najib.

As such, they should focus on defeating the party's enemies, chief among them DAP, which in effect leads the Opposition.

"Now is the time for Umno to develop a winning mentality ahead of GE14," Dr Shaik Hussein added.

Negri Sembilan delegate Mustapha Nagoor said Umno leaders and party members must be careful with their choice of words

ahead of GE14.

The party's image would suffer if they were not careful about what they said in public, he added.

"The ears of our enemies are everywhere. When we make statements that are not carefully thought out, the entire country will condemn us.

"Don't be the source of jokes. Be careful with what you say, regardless of whether you are a minister or party leader," said Mustapha.