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## Najib: No big impact from Dr M quitting Umno

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**JEDDAH:** Umno is unaffected by the resignation of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and will move forward, says party president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said it was the former party president's prerogative to resign but Umno would focus all its efforts on strengthening party unity and preparing for the general election.

"Usually if you want to resign, the biggest impact will be during the first time.

"Many believe that it will not have a big impact or affect Umno's position," he told local media after speaking at the Jeddah Economic Forum (JEF) 2016 on Tuesday night.

Najib said his mission now was to unite party members based on the mandate given by them.

"We must understand that I was elected via the most democratic process in Umno's history by more than 160,000 delegates.

"I was not appointed based on the old (party) constitution that requires at least 56 nominations from the divisions."

Najib said he was determined to carry on the mandate given to him by party members.

"I believe Tun Mahathir is not someone who will easily abandon something that he wants to do. However, it is his decision to resign. We will remain committed to our job and will not be distracted by anyone.

In KUALA LUMPUR, Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi urged Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin not to make any rash decision based on hurt and anger.

Admitting that Muhyiddin, who was suspended as deputy president last Friday, might be swayed by his emotions, Dr Ahmad Zahid said he was confident the former No. 2 would make a decision in the party's best interests.

"As far as I know, Muhyiddin himself said he is an Umno *totok* (Javanese term for hardcore loyalist), and although he is no longer deputy president, he represents the people of Pagoh and that is important," he said.

In KOTA KINABALU, party vice-president Datuk Shafie Apdal, who is widely seen as aligned to Muhyiddin, dismissed social media claims that the party supreme council had issued him a warning.