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# NAJIB: WORK AS A FOOTBALL TEAM

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He tells Umno to score as many goals as possible without conceding to opposition

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**U**MNO leaders and members have been reminded to work as a cohesive unit, similar to a football team, to ensure the party's victory in the upcoming general election.

Using the Malaysian football squad as an analogy, Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak urged members to "score as many goals as possible", while not conceding goals to the opposing team.

He cited the Kuala Lumpur Sea Games match between Malaysia and Myanmar, in which a mistake by the Harimau Malaya squad defender allowed the visitors to net a goal.

He said the national team delivered "beautiful attacks", but a mistake by the defender resulted in the team conceding a goal to Myanmar.

"Borrowing this analogy, Umno is like a football team that needs to be strong in all departments.

"If one of us is careless, whether intentional or unintentional, we will lose."

Najib said this at the Sik Umno division delegates' meeting here yesterday.

He said there were members who had sabotaged the party in



Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak at the Sik Umno division delegates' meeting yesterday. PIC BY SHAHRIZAL MD NOOR

general elections by not accomplishing tasks entrusted to them.

He said this was because the saboteurs were not held as a candidate or their friends were not selected as candidates.

"This is due to personal frustrations, not because Umno is weak. Umno is strong, and it can win if we are united."

However, Najib said his presence here was not due to any problem in the division.

He said the good relationship between Sik Umno division chief Datuk Tajuddin Abdullah and member of parliament Dr Mansor Abdul Rahman must be preserved to ensure the party re-

peated Barisan Nasional's victory in the Sik parliamentary seat, and the Jeneri and Belantek state seats.

"Even if BN wins 3-0 here, we cannot lose the state government or the Federal Government. If we want to win, everyone must work together."

Najib also took a swipe at former Umno leaders who went against their principles by working with DAP, which has no interest in safeguarding the interests of Islam and Malays.

He chided the leaders for not practising what they had preached to Umno members just to achieve their personal agenda

to oust the BN government in the next general election.

He also questioned the leaders' principles by working with DAP leaders who had belittled and insulted them in the past.

"Even Pas leaders and members have had enough of DAP, to the extent that they do not even want to look at Lim Guan Eng or Lim Kit Siang.

"Strangely enough, there are a few of our (Umno) former leaders who are collaborating with DAP despite the negative things they (DAP leaders) had said about them throughout the years when they were in Umno.

"We have the recordings of

their words as proof, and they have gone viral."

Najib also told party members that no matter how good or intelligent a leader was, if he did not receive any support from the people, there was nothing much he could do.

"It is the same for Umno. The prime minister can only perform his duties with the support of the three million members standing firm behind him.

"This is something that I realised, and that is the reason why I take care of the party. At the same time, division and grassroots leaders must also take care of the party."