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PM: 'Flower parties' no match for Umno

> Lust for power, revenge will work against them, says Najib

MALACCA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak said a party which fights for lust, revenge and personal interests cannot match the spirit of struggle for the well-being of the people that has been the foundation of Umno since it was formed.

The Umno president said a party in the country, which he labelled a "flower party", did not have a clear spirit of struggle like Umno and a party which is only based on lust, revenge and personal agenda would not be able to stand firm in fighting for the people's causes, Bernama reported.

"Political parties (need) a clear direction, (with) the spirit of struggle roaring ... that exists in Umno. The one or two-day 'flower party' (which is) purely for personal purposes will not last long.

"A struggle due to vengeance because a handful are not satisfied cannot compete with the struggle of Umno, that has been fighting for the people's causes for so long," he said when opening the Bukit Katil Umno division delegates conference at the Malacca International Trade Centre in Ayer Keroh yesterday.

Najib said in Umno's efforts to continue the spirit of the struggle in the



Najib launches the 'Buletin BN' magazine during the opening of the Bukit Katil Umno division delegates conference in Malacca yesterday.

present and future, its members must pursue the spirit of continuing to fight and serve the people despite having no political position.

He said the lifelong loyalty towards Umno by former deputy prime minister, the late Tun Abdul Ghafar Baba, who continued to serve the party and the people without holding any political posts, should be emulated by all party members.

"See him as a symbol of lifelong loyalty, genuine obedience and a genuine Umno fighter.

I still remember the first prime minister

Tunku Abdul Rahman once mentioned that Abdul Ghafar had said position was not important, what was important was Umno.

"This kind of attitude should be in every one of us, and more so when we want to fight to redeem our dignity in Bukit Katil. We must learn from fighters like Tun Abdul Ghafar."

He said to continue efforts to bring prosperity to the people, Barisan Nasional needed solid support from the people, especially in the 14th general election to form a strong government.