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## ELECTION MACHINERY

# WORK HARD TO RETAIN STATE, NAJIB TELLS KEDAH UMNO

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If party can win more seats, PPBM will likely cease to exist, says MB

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak reminded Kedah Umno to work hard to retain the state in the next general election.

The party president stressed Kedah was an important state for Umno and the party must preserve its dignity by ensuring that it retained the seats it won in the 13th General Election.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah said Najib said this during a closed-door meeting with state Umno leaders in his two-day visit beginning yesterday.

"Kedah is an important state for Umno and we need to defend it. If we can defend the state and win more seats, chances are, Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia will cease to exist," he said after the meeting.

Bashah said during the meeting, he also informed the party president that Kedah Umno was confident of winning two-thirds of the



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak before the closed-door meeting with Kedah Umno leaders in Alor Star yesterday. He is flanked by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah (right) and Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid. BERNAMA PIC

36 state seats and defending 10 out of 15 parliamentary seats it had won in the last election.

Meanwhile, Kedah Umno Youth chief Datuk Shaiful Hazizy Zainol Abidin said Najib had also advised party members to strengthen unity.

"The party president reminded us to resolve misunderstandings because if not, it will provide an opportunity for the opposition to attack us," he said.

Shaiful also said the party machinery was reminded to be prepared to face the election as if it was just around the corner.