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# 'Be better prepared'

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> Party machinery ready for polls but improvements could still be made, says Najib

**P**EKAN: Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) still have time to fine-tune and perfect their machinery before the 14th general election, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

Najib, who is also Umno president and BN chief, said from the feedback he

gathered through the Umno delegates conferences nationwide, the party machinery's level of preparedness was good, but added that there was still room to improve and ensure that BN would win big and maintain its mandate.

"We are ready, but we are perfectionists. We will not be fully satisfied until everything is perfect," he said when opening the Pekan Umno delegates conference at Dewan Konvensyen Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah yesterday.

It is the party's final conference after 191 others nationwide for this year.

Najib, who is also Pekan MP, said the conferences had been smooth and without any unfavourable incidents.

"I can confirm with (Deputy Prime Minister) Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who had attended the conferences, that

Umno members from Perlis to Sabah are in high spirits and reflected the party as being more well-organised and disciplined compared to the Opposition.

"I also have not received any reports of flying chairs or lighting flares and so on. In short, we did not have any bad discipline throughout the conferences," he said.

He urged the more than 13 million Umno members nationwide to internalise the party's struggle and remain united and loyal to their leaders for the party to retain its strength as the ruling government.

At another event, Ahmad Zahid said cash aid for haj pilgrims should not be manipulated and made a political tool, alluding to the RM500 given to pilgrims by the Selangor government.

"Do not politicise it. If (Selangor) is giving RM500, thank you, but do not take pride in giving RM500 because the federal government is subsidising RM9,570," he said in a speech at the Tabung Haji Complex in Kelana Jaya, Petaling Jaya.