

ABDULLAH'S PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH

The Thrust

MALAY STRUGGLE

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"We want to become an advanced people and an advanced nation. We have to compete with developed and rapidly developing nations. *(The rest of the world)* will not formulate policies to help Bumiputeras. The global economy does not recognise quotas; it will not allocate special projects for Bumiputeras. The global economic lexicon only acknowledges terms such as competition, competitiveness, productivity, innovation, creativity, originality, excellence and efficiency."

ISLAM HADHARI

EMPHASISES development consistent with tenets of Islam.

FOCUSES on enhancing quality of life through mastery of knowledge and development of individual and nation.

AIMED at implementing a dynamic economic, trading and financial system, and an integrated and balanced development.

WILL create a knowledgeable and pious people who hold to noble values and are trustworthy, honest and prepared to take on global challenges.

UMNO

UMNO has a duty to help Malays become stronger, more able, more confident and more courageous. UMNO will strive to help Malay children achieve higher level of academic success in schools and in institutions of higher learning. UMNO will continue to support Malay workers and professionals based on their capability. UMNO will assist in the progress of Bumiputera industrialists and businessmen. But in undertaking all these efforts, UMNO should also prepare Malay minds to face the realities of this world.

STRATEGY

The Malay agenda is the thrust of Umno's struggle. It is an agenda that needs to be continued. A balanced and equitable achievement among the Malays and other races is a deciding factor in ensuring a peaceful and stable Malaysia. The agenda to develop the people has to be targeted towards building capacity to produce a:

- Competitive Bumiputera;
- Bumiputera who appreciates and understands the meaning of meritocracy; and,
- Bumiputera who is determined to reach a level where he will be respected based on merit.

