

**Umno Debate Gets Fiery As Party Gears Up For Election**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- The presidential debate at the Umno General Assembly here today invites fiery reactions as delegates gear up for the next general election.

Sabah Umno, which sets the ball rolling, gave four As to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak for excellence in the style of leadership, economic management, teamwork and political tests.

Its representative, Datuk Seri Mohd Salleh Tun Said said the Umno president engaged the people and tried to understand their feelings while the economic management was superb and the budget was people-oriented.

He said Najib mobilised Umno members, including members of its wings and veterans to work as a team and the BN under his leadership had won seven of the eight by-elections.

Mohd Salleh said Najib enjoyed growing popularity among the people, especially the younger generation, which made him a 'winnable prime minister' and without doubt he would lead the BN to a stunning victory in the next general election.

Umno Kedah said after more than three years under PAS' rule, no significant changes occurred in Kedah.

Its representative, Datuk Mukhriz Tun Mahathir said there was hardly any efforts to boost the flagging economy and not even a mosque or a surau was built by the party.

"As the general election gets closer, PAS is in a mad rush to make donations with the hope that the people will remember their good deeds and forget the exemplary services rendered by Umno over the years.

"They think the people are stupid and easily deceived. I don't think the people can be hoodwinked this time around," he added.

Mukhriz, who is also Kedah Umno liaison committee deputy chairman, said he believed that the people of Kedah would make a wise choice in the next general election.

Johor Umno has proposed that the party adopted the three Ps (pemimpin, penyokong , pengundi) (leader, supporter, voter) concept in the run-up to the general election.

Its representative, Jais Sarday said Umno should field candidates who could provide a bold leadership, drive changes and take various measures to improve the well-being of the people.

"A brave leader always stay upfront for the good of the people when needed and we do not want a leader who knows only to make promises but cannot fulfill them," he said.

On supporters (the second P), Jais, who is also Johor Youth and Sports Committee chairman, said Umno members must be loyal to the party and support good ideas introduced by leaders for the betterment of the country.

"Leaders and supporters should always have check and balance, including pointing out each other failures, and work sincerely and tirelessly for the party," he said.

On the third P (voters), he said Umno was confronting smart voters who know how to evaluate their leaders' performance and there should be no barriers between them.

Perak Umno has proposed that the party adopt the 5D (dorongan, daya usaha, dedikasi, disiplin, doa) (motivation, effort, dedication, discipline and prayer) philosophy to achieve victory in the 13th general election.

Its representative, Datuk Saarani Mohamad said party members should be motivated to work as a team to relive Umno's glory days.

On the second D (effort), he said all divisions should be ready to mobilise the election machinery ready as the election was getting closer.

He said Umno members should be dedicated to party's work and a mechanism should be devised to punish saboteurs as a means to instill discipline in the party.

"Lastly, we say our prayers for God's blessings," he added.

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