

**Transformation Agenda Meaningless If BN Loses At Polls - Hishammuddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- The government's transformation agenda will become meaningless if the Barisan Nasional (BN) loses at the polls, said Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

He said to ensure Umno's survival, party members should unite and work much harder than before.

If Umno gets the mandate in the next general election, it must continue to champion the people for the survival of future generations, he said when winding up the debate at the Umno General Assembly 2011 here Saturday.

Hishammuddin said Umno members were lucky to have a president who is willing to helm the times with the transformation agenda that called for commitment from members to champion the new landscape.

Despite jarring voices from outside, claiming that Umno will be destroyed, he said the party stood firm and remained strong as its struggle did not revolve around an individual, but to empower the Malays, Muslims and the people.

"On the premise of this struggle, every time we were tested, the sacred party showed the leadership, wisdom and courage to do what is right.

"And we endured wild accusations and eventually we get out of these tests to become stronger," he said.

As Home Minister, Hishammuddin said, he had to strike a balance between rights and human rights, and between rights to freedom of speech, liberty and rights of the majority.

"The rights of the Malays cannot be taken for granted in driving transformation and with that wisdom, the people will eventually accept our leadership in confronting complex political waves," he said.

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