

**Delegates Give Najib Mandate To Pick Winnable Candidates - Hishammuddin  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said the delegates have given the mandate to president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to pick winnable candidates for the party in the coming 13th general election when they endorsed his policy speech Friday.

"The Umno delegates who approved the motion on the president's speech had actually given the mandate to Najib and it will not be disputed (in deciding the general election candidates).

"Those in the hall (Umno delegates) have just given the mandate to PM. Whether they realised it or not, they have given the mandate to the Prime Minister...Now it is up to Najib (to decide on) who are the winnable candidates," he told reporters after a meeting with Overseas Umno Clubs in conjunction with the Umno General Assembly 2011 here.

Hishammuddin who is also Home Minister said the issue of certain seats which were being fought over by Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties must be settled to ensure BN won in the general election.

"The formula which was used in areas related to BN in the past is still being used. However, it does not mean that an Umno area is still an Umno area or a Gerakan area still belongs to Gerakan.

"The issue is winnable candidates for BN. Umno must act together. We must move forward," he said.

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