

PM Wants Overseas Umno Clubs To Be Open And Inclusive Societies - Shabery Cheek
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has called on Overseas Umno Clubs to be open and inclusive societies and not only popular among its members and Malay students.

Overseas Umno Clubs chairman Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek said the Umno president had also urged the club members to be prepared to serve Malaysian nationals abroad, regardless of their race.

He said that was among the important messages conveyed by Najib during his closed-door meeting with the Overseas Umno Clubs' representatives in conjunction with the 2011 Umno General Assembly at Putra World Trade Centre here today.

During the 30-minute meeting, the prime minister also called on Overseas Umno Club members to prepare themselves, physically and mentally, as the world was facing the battle of the mind, where only those with superior ideas would win, he told reporters after the meeting.

A total of 65 chairman of Overseas Umno Clubs attended the meeting.

Chairman of Indonesia's Solo Umno Club, Mohd Nazaluddin Mat Nazir, said the prime minister's message also touched on the importance for Umno Club members to help the government in explaining party agendas accurately to overseas students.

"Prime Minister wants the clubs to be responsible to correct the wrong perception about Umno and the government especially among overseas students," he said.

Cairo Umno Club deputy chairman, Hafiz Hamzah, on the other hand, said that he had also proposed for Umno leaders to visit Malaysian students in Egypt so that they could explain about government's policies and to counter allegations and lies made by the opposition against Umno.

"Our Club members were labeled as Umno's dogs. Every month, opposition leaders will come (to Egypt) and give talks to Malaysian students, including those sponsored by the government," he said.

Earlier, Najib also attended a luncheon with 400 Umno members and delegates.

Present were his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, and Selangor Umno Liaison Committee deputy chairman Datuk Seri Noh Omar.

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