

**Najib Lifts Umno Members' Fighting Spirit To Face General Election - Abdullah  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi described the Umno General Assembly 2011 as successful because the party president, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, was able to lift the fighting spirit of Umno members to face the next, which is also dubbed the most challenging, general election.

"From the first day until the last, Najib managed to unite and lift the spirit of Umno delegates to give their commitment to face the next general election," Abdullah, who is also former Prime Minister and former Umno president, told reporters at the end of the five-day assembly here Saturday.

Abdullah, who is also Kepala Batas Umno chief, said Umno leaders should also "become a better person and lead to the rise of the Malays".

"Many have asked what Umno will do? How Umno will face the next general election? Based on this year's assembly, especially in Najib's policy speech, there's a clear sign that Umno members want to see some changes," he said.

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Idris Haron, on the other hand, said that Najib's winding up speech was the pinnacle of the entire process of the general assembly.

"The president, at the end of his speech, made a pledge in the form of a 'doa' (prayer), which is an agreement with our Creator, that we are responsible for the party.

"When he made the pledge and it was also supported by the deputy president (Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin), it shows that self-evaluation has been carried out," he added.

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