

**We must go all out, says Najib**  
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DATUK Seri Najib Tun Razak has pledged that Umno would continue to uphold the interest of all Malaysians and protect the rights and dignity of Malays and Islam.

Describing the next general election as one that would determine the country's fate, he said: "We will use all our energy to win the hearts and minds of the people in a democratic arena.

"We will fight for every single vote, we will work to convince all Malaysians, and we will seek to win every heart and fulfil every hope."

"Malaysians deserve the best government and we are confident that it is Umno and Barisan," said Najib in his presidential address at the Umno general assembly yesterday.

He said the choice was between a progressive Malaysia based on shared values or a backward country divided by prejudice.

"It is also about whether we want to see our children, irrespective of race and religion, growing up and having fun together or growing up with deep-seated hatred in their hearts," he said.

He said Umno would not allow the people to be led down the road of destruction by the Opposition's empty promises, falsehoods and slander.

"If we lose our wealth, we can get it back. If we lose our positions, that can be corrected. But if we lose in this battle, we will lose everything.

"We will become a *melukut di tepi gantang* (inconsequential). In the end, we will be like squatters in our own country."

"I, along with my deputy and the leadership, in the name of Allah the Almighty and the Prophet, promise to always uphold the people's welfare, maintain the dignity of the Malays and protect the faith and religion of Islam," Najib said.

Najib said Umno would not waver in the battle ahead.

"To all our men and women, to all our warriors, let's rise and defend our symbol of independence. Let's defend Putrajaya."

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