

Najib Injects Fresh Inspiration In Kedah Umno Leaders
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ALOR SETAR, Jan 31 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on Thursday advised Umno leaders in Kedah to ensure that their work in the run-up to the 13th general election was systematic and united and asked them to step up their efforts, said Kedah Umno Liaison Committee chairman Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah.

He said the prime minister emphasised the importance of unity among the leaders and said no one should shy away from focusing on the next general election.

Najib gave the advice at a meeting with the Kedah Umno Liaison Committee at Bangunan Tunku here in conjunction with his visit to Kedah today, he said.

Ahmad Bashah said that at the meeting, Kedah Umno leaders pledged their commitment and support for the decision of the prime minister on the question of candidates and the scope of election work.

"The Kedah Umno leaders pledged to go all-out and work hard to garner victory for Kedah BN. The meeting gave focus to the party and the prime minister's presence injected fresh inspiration in the leaders," he told reporters.

Kubang Pasu Umno Division chief Datuk Mohd Johari Baharom said Najib asked for the focus on voters to be stepped up.

He said the prime minister advised Umno leaders in Kedah to meet as many voters as possible, regardless of whether they were old or new voters, before the 13th general election.

"The prime minister wanted the party machinery to be totally ready. He seemed convinced that Umno and the BN could win the elections," he said. Sik Umno Division chief Datuk Mohd Tajuddin Abdullah said today's meeting was held to enable the prime minister to see for himself the Kedah Umno preparations for the general election.

"Actually, everything is almost ready. The prime minister placed stress on the party machinery. The situation is in our favour, particularly with the implementation of the 'Janji Ditepati' (Promises Fulfilled) programme.

"In a short period of time, he has been able to undertake all kinds of transformation. If given the mandate (in the next general election), much more can be done," he said.

Kuala Kedah Umno Division chief Datuk Latt Shariman Abdullah said the prime minister called for streamlining of work at the level of the polling district.

"It (the general election) is near. We are confident of wresting back Kedah because the people can evaluate our record and that of the opposition," he said.

Pokok Sena Umno Division chief Datuk Ahmad Lebai Sudin said Najib asked Umno leaders to endear themselves also to the young voters and those outside the state.

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