

Umno Election: Adhere To Regulations, Safeguard Unity, Says Najib
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PEKAN, Oct 5 (Bernama) -- Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has called on all candidates contesting in the party election to obey the rules to safeguard party unity.

The prime minister said, only through unity could Umno continue to enjoy success in its struggle to protect the race, religion and country.

"Take care of party unity during the Umno election, if we are one, we will be successful in our struggles," he said when speaking at the presentation of letters for sacrificial cows, in conjunction with Aidiladha, to suraus and mosques in the Pekan parliamentary constituency here Saturday.

Najib said contesting candidates need to put party interests ahead of self-interest and struggle.

Taking a leaf out of the incidents of sacrifice in Islam, Najib said the principles of Umno's struggle were based on two matters, namely loyalty to Allah and willingness to sacrifice for the struggle of race and nation.

Najib said struggles should not be seen solely from the personal aspect as they demanded sacrifice to achieve the overall objective.

He said the event of sacrifice in Islam involving Prophet Abraham and his son, Ismail, required Muslims to understand the wide scope of sacrifice as long as it was focused towards loyalty to Allah.

He said the earlier Umno fighters also sacrificed their lives in seeking the country's independence.

"We passed the test as a portion of us were willing to carry out absolute sacrifice with their lives, in facing the challenges of race, religion and nation.

"In the struggle for Umno, we sacrificed and fought in one frontline and upheld the people's unity when we achieved independence, and it has become a lesson, as well as a part of ingredients for the formation of our country," added the prime minister.

According to Najib, Umno currently faced different challenges but the spirit of the struggle and sacrifice of Umno founders needed to be appreciated in facing future challenges.

"The threats of the 21st century are different from the time when we fought for independence or through the post-Merdeka process but the values need to be appreciated, and they do not deviate from what is happening on sacrifice; if we are willing to sacrifice and stay united, Allah will bless us with victories," he said.

At the event, Najib presented 303 cows for distribution to mosques and suraus in the Pekan parliamentary constituency, in conjunction with the coming Hari Raya Aidiladha celebration.

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