

**Umno, BN Must Be Seen As Symbols Of Nation's Future - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 23 (Bernama) -- Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) must be seen as entities which symbolise the nation's future, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Najib, who is also Umno president, said Umno and BN must also be seen as modern, progressive, inclusive and just, which had not strayed from the original struggles.

"Justice is a principle of Islam...everything that we do, its thrust is justice. Being just to Muslims and at the same time, to non-Muslims, too," he said in a special interview with the newspaper, Mingguan Malaysia which was published today.

In the interview published in conjunction with the Umno General Assembly 2014, Najib said there was an erosion of values in the party, arising from a generational change.

He said where previously, the Malays were materially poor but rich in spirit, today they were wealthy but poor in the spirit for struggle.

"If we do not revive this spirit, it will be difficult for us to mobilise Umno as a political party which is dynamic and has an image which can convince the people," he was quoted as saying in the report.

The prime minister said leaders of the component parties should also carry out a transformation in their parties to get the people's support.

"They should also transform their parties, and at least in the MCA, there is a new leadership which is ready to move in that direction," he said in the interview.

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