

**Majority still behind me, Najib tells Umno assembly**  
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Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak said he was confident that the majority of party members still stood firmly behind him despite tensions in the party and country over alleged financial scandals.

"Although the delegates might be attending the Umno general assembly this year with whatever feeling and issues in their heart, I believed and am confident, looking at the rhythm and spirit shown, I am confident that majority still stand strongly with my leadership," said Najib in his policy speech this morning at the opening of the main assembly.

He added that he had also met Muslim scholars in preparing his speech because Umno was facing difficult and trying times that was testing the patience of members and the leadership.

Earlier, Najib said whether one realised it or not, the assembly this time around was different from that of previous years.

"I know that some of the delegates from the 191 divisions are not in sync," he added.

In August, Najib said when opening the Kota Melaka Umno division delegates meeting in Bandar Hilir, Malacca, that he would not step down as Umno president because three million party members were firmly behind him.

"I was elected through a democratic process."

"With one voice telling me to step down, I will not. Because I know there are three million members with me," he said. – December 10, 2015.

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