

Najib calls for all hands on deck to restore party popularity

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Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak today said party popularity had dropped "a little" among the public and urged members to clear their heads of all "stories", so that they could focus on winning support for the next general election.

"Our overall rating has dropped a little, despite a slight rise recently. We saw that in the IPTA (public universities).

"All who won were 100% Pro-Aspirasi," he said referring to the student elections held in public universities last September, in which the pro-government faction defeated the pro-opposition group, Pro-Mahasiswa.

He told members he needed "all hands on deck" for the next two years, during his winding-up speech at the Umno General Assembly in Putra World Trade Centre, in Kuala Lumpur, this evening.

"That means we have to have the right strategy," he said.

Najib added that communication was vital for Umno's success, and urged pro-Umno bloggers to do their jobs properly.

"Our bloggers must do their work, and we have to do our work. Can we do it?" he said, to cheers from delegates.

"Don't be too preoccupied with many stories in your head. We must clear our heads. God willing, all will be clear. We have two more years."

He added that he wanted all states to emulate Malacca, which had one full-time voter registration officer per state seat and each officer's performance was monitored. For example, Najib said, an officer would be sacked and replaced for failing to achieve his or her key performance indicators.

"I hope other states have this as well. This is the time for us to focus on work that will ensure us victory in the next general election," he said. – December 12, 2015

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