

Najib, Muhyiddin shake hands at close of Umno General Assembly
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Declaring himself a "magnanimous" person, Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak ended his winding-up speech at the general assembly by extending a handshake to his critic, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The deputy president accepted Najib's hand, as delegates shouted and applauded the apparent show of unity.

Before he extended his hand to Muhyiddin, Najib had said in his closing speech that he chose to be magnanimous and act in line with Islam.

"I choose to be magnanimous, to open my doors and my heart, and offer my friendship to all so that we can strengthen the party," he said, to roars of approval from the delegates in the hall.

Outside, in the concourse area of the Putra World Trade Centre, ordinary members watching the live broadcast stood up in anticipation of a hug, and the din in the hall was deafening.

But Najib did not end his speech just yet, and instead followed his proffered olive branch with a warning that he would not tolerate further dissent.

"But I want to firmly state that if any quarters continue to oppose and want to fight, you'd better be careful. This isn't personal anymore.

"They are not just opposing me as Najib Razak, the party president, but they are also clearly opposing reconciliation and Umno's decision."

Najib also asked the hall what was the use of creating enmity, saying that it would only benefit others.

His speech then became poetic, as he spoke of the ups and downs in life, and how life was straddled between the sweet and the bitter.

He said while he may be "charred from the burning slander" and his "limbs separated from the body", he declared that "there shall be no retreat, no surrender" for him.

Earlier today, Muhyiddin said he [would not apologise](#) to anyone for criticising Najib openly, saying the matters he had raised were not personal.

Party vice-president Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal, who along with Muhyiddin had been [axed from Najib's Cabinet](#) for questioning the prime minister over 1Malaysia Development Bhd, also said [he would not apologise](#).

In the past three days of the party's general assembly, numerous delegates had called for the top leadership to reconcile and unite for the sake of the party, with one even urging that they all hug after the assembly ends. – December 12, 2015.

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