

**6,000 New UMNO Members in August, Shows Party Still Receives Support - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- An increase of 6,000 UMNO members in the month of August alone proves that the party still receives the people's support, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister, who is also the UMNO president, said the figure comprised 374 ordinary members, Wanita Movement 731, Youth 2,716 and Puteri 2,179.

"I mention this because there are parties that only get 30 members but gets front-page coverage, so I want to inform that UMNO had 6,000 members in August but this did not appear in the front page of the newspapers," he told a news conference after chairing the UMNO Supreme Council meeting at Menara Dato' Onn, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here today.

Najib said the figure also showed that UMNO was still the choice of the people especially the younger generation.

In fact, he said, the success of the Pro-Aspirasi at 12 public universities at the campus election earlier also showed that the government policies continued to receive acceptance from the group.

"This is positive news that the government policies continue to be accepted by the younger generation as long as we are given the opportunity to explain to and engage the younger generation," he said.

Meanwhile, Najib said the UMNO General Assembly 2016 would be held from Dec 1 to 3.

He said that prior to the assembly, the Presidential briefing would be held on Nov 29 followed by the opening ceremony for the Youth, Wanita and Puteri movements in the evening.

He said the simultaneous opening of the three party wings would be officiated by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi as vice-president carrying out the duties of the deputy president.

The assemblies of the three party wings would be held on Nov 30, he said.

Meanwhile, Najib said that at the meeting the Supreme Council members wanted UMNO to draw up counter-proposals to the Election Commission (EC) on the proposed redelineation of electoral boundaries.

He said that UMNO secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor would coordinate the matter at the state and divisional levels to be submitted to the EC later.

In addition, he said, the Supreme Council would also give several opinions and suggestions on the 2017 Budget, but this would take into consideration the country's financial capacity.

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