

Umno's not out to show off—

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ALOR STAR, Thurs. — Umno's efforts to strengthen the party are not aimed at "showing off," but rather, at ensuring a brighter future for present and future generations, the Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The party was set up to ensure the continued struggle of not only the Malays but of other races too, he added.

"Umno's struggle has to continue in order to place Islam, Malays and the country at a prestigious level," he said.

Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir was addressing

more than 5,000 Umno members at the party's 32nd anniversary celebrations organised by Kedah Umno at the Dato Syed Omar Stadium.

He said the party was

still strong because it was united and had the support of the majority of Malays.

Most youth groups had joined Umno because they had confidence and trust in the party's struggle.

"We should be grateful that Umno has existed for 30 years and has achieved many successes for the Malays and the nation as a whole," he said.

He said it was regrettable that some groups were unhappy with the party's efforts and were trying to split the unity of the people, for their own ends.

"We have to be vigilant against these people and make sure they do not achieve their aims," he said.

He urged members not to heed slogans which said wealth was not important in the struggle for a better future.

Wealth was important, he said, to ensure a stable and strong position of the Islamic religion, Malays and the sovereignty of the country.

He said those who started such slogans were trying to influence people in order to attain power. They were not sincere and were only fighting for their self-interests, he added.