

LEADERSHIP

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PORT DICKSON, NOV 9 (BERNAMA) -- UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WANTS THE QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS OF UMNO UPGRADED TO ENSURE THE STRENGTH OF THE PARTY.

LEADERSHIP QUALITY COULD BE UPGRADED THROUGH EXPERIENCE AND EXPOSURE TO UMNO'S POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, HE SAID.

+ONLY WITH QUALITY LEADERSHIP WILL THE PARTY AND THE COUNTRY'S ADMINISTRATION BE ENSURED,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE WANITA UMNO WORKCAMP AT KEM SEMANGAT, PASIR PANJANG NEAR HERE, TODAY

A TOTAL OF 520 MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ARE TAKING PART IN THE TWO-DAY WORKCAMP.

WITHOUT QUALITY LEADERSHIP, A RULING PARTY WOULD BE REJECTED BY THE PEOPLE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID. -- MORE

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THOUGH EXPERIENCE WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT, UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LEADERSHIP QUALITIES WHEN CHOOSING THE PARTY'S LEADERS.

AT THE SAME TIME, CAPABILITIES OF UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD ALSO BE IMPROVED TO ENABLE THEM TO FUNCTION MORE EFFECTIVELY, HE SAID.

A STRONG FRONT OF QUALITY MEMBERS WOULD NOT BE EASILY INFLUENCED BY THE VARIOUS CANDIDATES SEEKING POSTS IN THE PARTY, HE SAID.

GOOD LEADERSHIP WAS NEEDED NOT ONLY TO DISSEMINATE GOOD VALUES BUT ALSO TO PUT SUCH VALUES INTO PRACTICE. -- MORE

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EARLIER, NEGERI SEMBILAN MENTERI BESAR DATUK MOHAMED ISA SAMAD SAID UMNO MEMBERS MUST STRENGTHEN UNITY AND SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES AMONG THEMSELVES.

DATUK MOHAMED ISA WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE NEGERI SEMBILAN UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE SAID A SMALL GROUP OF LEADERS AT THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE PARTY AND CERTAIN MEMBERS WERE MORE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THEIR OWN POSITION THAN HELPING TO STRENGTHEN THE PARTY.

WANITA UMNO HEAD, DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH AZIZ, EXPRESSED THE MOVEMENT'S CONCERN OVER CERTAIN TRENDS IN CURRENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

SHE URGED THE VARIOUS QUARTERS TO SET ASIDE PERSONAL INTERESTS IN ANY POLITICAL SQUABBLE SO THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL COULD BE CONSERVED FOR THE COMING GENERAL ELECTIONS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WERE THE PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, KELANTAN MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI MOHAMED YAAKUB, FINANCE MINISTER DAIM ZAINUDDIN AND MEMBERS OF THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL. -- BERNAMA