

Some leaders taken to task

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GOPENG, Sun. — Deputy Home Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob today hit out at certain Umno leaders who have slandered the good name of the Prime Minister to get votes for themselves in the coming party election.

"By doing this they are causing a split and disunity in the party which may be very difficult to mend."

He said it was acceptable for individuals to challenge certain leaders but that one should do it with fairness and not make wild allegations which would damage the image of the party.

He refuted the wild allegations against Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, saying the latter does not possess shares, own even a terrace house in Kuala Lumpur and that he is not a wealthy man as claimed by mischievous elements to indicate the Prime Minister is cor-

rupted.

"I personally know his household buys food at the market instead of from hotels or restaurants to minimise costs."

Decisions

He also said the Prime Minister leads by example and goes to work at 8am and returns at 6pm daily and sometimes as late as 8pm.

He also said it was not true

that Datuk Seri Mahathir is dictatorial but that he makes decisions by consensus.

He was speaking at the Gopeng Umno Division Youth and Wanita Annual General Meeting at Lawan Kuda near here.

The Government, consisting of members from Umno, MCA, Gerakan and others, formulates the policy to govern the people.

"All major decisions or poli-

cies are discussed and debated in the Cabinet before they are implemented."

He said the Government believes in democracy and practises it in true spirit.

All the policies or projects implemented so far are for the benefit of the people, irrespective of races, to promote peace and prosperity.

Umno, he said, is the only party which can make the Malays strong and dynamic and likewise they can make the party stronger or weaker by their actions.

He called on party leaders and members to exercise restraint and practise goodwill among themselves in the quest for posts in the party.

"What is the use of obtaining an important post if one has to destroy or damage the image of the party in the process."

He said the importance of the party, its members and the nation should stand above self-interest.