

Malays told to support Umno

MUAR, Mon. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir ~~Mohamad~~ tonight called on the Malays to ensure that the majority of them remained under the auspices of Umno to ensure their continued progress.

This, said the Prime Minister, was essential to ensure that the Malays had more energy to strengthen their position in fields other than politics.

He was speaking at the first anniversary of the Johor Malay Unity Forum here.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, said for Umno to remain as the party for the majority of the Malays, young Malays must continually be recruited.

He said though the Malays had been successful in politics, they should not confine their strength only in that area.

This was because political strength could easily be eroded.

Malays should learn from past events to prevent making similar mistakes which may be detrimental to Umno.

Earlier, former Prime Minister Tun Hussein Onn, who is also Johor Malay Unity Forum adviser, said sincerity was needed to ensure problems affecting Malay unity was solved.

About 20,000 people comprising Umno members and Malays from various political and social organisations attended the celebration at the Muar High School padang tonight.

Also present were several Umno Supreme Council members, Johor Umno liaison chief Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Segamat Umno division chief Datuk Musa Hitam.