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ASPIRING CANDIDATES TO PARTY ELECTION TOLD TO ACCEPT DECISION

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MELAKA, April 15 (Bernama) -- Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight advised aspiring candidates in November's party election to accept the decision of the delegates.

"It's okay for the victors...the losers, never mind, we'll close ranks," he said during a dinner organised by the Melaka Umno liaison committee here.

Dr Mahathir, who is currently on a two-day visit to the state, said that accepting in good faith the delegates' decision would show that they were a grateful lot.

Malaysians, in general, should be likewise, grateful for what they had and been spared the hardships which were experienced by people in certain countries in the region, he said.

He said there was no atrocity in Malaysia in answer to a problem as happening in a certain country. --more

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"Malaysia is not like that. Even when losing in party election, one can still form a new party, but not to the extent of committing murder," he said.

He also said the Vision 2020 was aimed at setting target for the people for the nation's progress.

During the function, Dr Mahathir received "Tun Perak" award from the state liaison chief Tan Sri Haji Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik in appreciation of his service to the country and the people.

His service was likened to that of Tun Perak, the Bendahara who fought the invading Thais during the Melaka Sultanate. --Bernama

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