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Umno-Mahathir (Candidate)

DON'T BE TOO DISAPPOINTED, MAHATHIR TELLS DEFEATED CANDIDATES

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has advised Umno members who lost in the just concluded party election not to be too disappointed and sulk over the results.

They should instead make an honest analysis of their defeat and contest again in the next party election in three years, the Umno president and Prime Minister said.

"Whether they won or they lost, this wasn't the last time they were contesting...the winners will contest again, and the losers too have to contest again," he said when replying to points raised at the three-day Umno General Assembly which ended today.

"Look at Pak Lah (Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi), he won before, then he lost, but this time he won again," he said, referring to the Foreign Minister who won a vice-president's post two days ago after failing to defend the post in the previous election in 1993.

Urging defeated candidates not to view their loss as the end of their political careers, Dr Mahathir reiterated that "the winners don't get everything, the losers don't lose everything".

The party president said this year's election was significant as it would determine whether Umno would cease facing the corruption problem or otherwise.

He said he did not know who indulged in corruption and who did not, adding that the voters would know.

"If a person lost it doesn't mean that he's clean or not clean, if a person won it's also not certain yet if he's clean or not clean...this is something yo all know," Dr Mahathir told the party delegates. -- BERNAMA

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