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Enthusiasts throng photo exhibition

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HISTORICAL PICTURE ... Elders Talib Noor, 64, of Sandakan (right) and Rustam Pabala, 54, of Tuaran were among the enthusiasts who thronged the New Straits Times photo exhibition on Umno's 50-year struggle at Wisma Muis in Kota Kinabalu.

The two are taking a closer look at a photograph of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Ghafar Baba and former Sabah Umno deputy chief, the late Tun Mustapha Datu Harun with other State Umno leaders taken in Kota Kinabalu in 1991.

For Talib and Rustam, the exhibition was a rare chance to view the photographs of past and present Umno leaders and to better understand the struggle and history of the party.

"This chance of viewing the photographs of past and present Umno leaders is something I will cherish," said Talib, who despite his age, did not mind the five-hour travel by road from Sandakan.

Talib and Rustam were former Usno supporters who joined Umno without any hesitation when the party expanded its wings to Sabah on Feb 21, 1991.

"As a staunch supporter of Tun (Mustapha), when he quit Usno to join Umno, we followed," Rustam said.

The exhibition, launched by Sabah Umno chief Datuk Osu Sukam yesterday, ends on May 26. It is organised by the NST with Sabah Umno and Fujicolor. Poslaju National Courier is the official carrier.

About 100 photographs depicting Umno's struggle are displayed along with Lat's cartoons.

The photographs, many of which have never been published before, were taken by NST photographers from 1946 to 1996.

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