

# 'Oppose foreign interference'

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UMNO Perak representative Hamdi Abu Bakar said it was sad to note that there were party members who openly opposed the president.

"They say they love the party but hate Dr Mahathir. They don't realise that they are merely being used by foreigners," he said when debating the Umno Youth's special motion to defend the country's integrity.

"To undermine the president is to insult our own race," he added.

He said Umno members should oppose those who betrayed the party.

Hamdi called on all Malaysians to oppose any kind of foreign interference in the country, adding the responsibility rested not only with Umno members.

Umno Negri Sembilan representative Amrus Ibrahim said history had shown how hard it was for the country's early Malay leaders to unite the people against the colonisers.

"What is the meaning of democracy if we still look up to foreign leaders? Is this our way of repaying the struggle of our warriors and leaders?" he said.

He said Malaysia would not be so easy to manipulate if the people were united in defending the country.

Perlis delegate Mastika Junaidah urged members to ensure that the *reformasi* movement is stopped.

Mastika said Umno should identify and punish the traitors who criticised the party and government from outside the country.

She said the West could not be depended upon to help small nations like Malaysia because the United States had become

the sole superpower after the break-up of the former Soviet Union.

Kelantan delegate Wan Zaid Wan Abdullah wants Umno members to cease all politicking.

He said members had chosen leaders whom they respected.

"We must be disciplined and ready to sacrifice for the party and nation," he added.

Penang delegate Abdul Rashid Ismail said those who preached about religion must practise what they preached.

Terengganu delegate Idris Jusoh reminded

Umno members of the danger of the country coming under colonial rule again.

"Let us believe in ourselves. We now have the freedom to administer our economy and country and not be told what to do by others," he said.

Jusoh urged members to be wary of tactics by people like US Vice-President Al Gore, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and financier George Soros to bring Malaysia under colonial rule again.

Sabah delegate Datuk Yahaya Hussein warned

party members not to be blinded by persuasive universal concepts laid down by the West which could subtly lead the country into being colonised again.

"The West is launching a new colonisation," he said when debating a special motion tabled by Umno Youth to defend the integrity of the country.

Reminding the assembly that the people were treated as "slaves" in their own birthplace when the country was colonised for 400 years, he said: "This must never happen again."