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BATU UMNO DIVISION UNDER PROBE OVER MONEY POLITICS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 7 (Bernama) -- Batu Umno Division, one of the 27 divisions whose election this month is under the scrutiny of the Supreme Council, is under investigation for money politics, Federal Territory Umno Liaison chief Datuk Sulaiman Mohamed said today.

"I heard it involves thousands of ringgit...but investigation is in progress," he told reporters after opening a family day fest of the Sekolah Menengah Jalan Cochrane Parent/Teacher Association here.

He said the investigation was being carried out by the liaison committee and disciplinary and management committee chaired by Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"If there are evidence and those involved indentified, we will not compromise...let others know that we are serious in stamping out abuses and money politics, said Sulaiman who is also Deputy Information Minister.

Apart from Batu, another division in the Federal Territory under the supervision of the Supreme Council is Bandar Tun Razak. He, however, did not disclose why the division was also subject to the scrutiny of the council.

Sulaiman said that as wanted to by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his capacity as Umno president, the party need to take measures to eradicate such vices.

"Who would dare trust Umno if its members used money to gain party posts," he said.

He said the Federal Territory liaison committee received many complaints not only from Batu division but others as well, all needed to be look into to prevent injustice.

Speaking at the function, Sulaiman advised students to continue to enrich themselves with knowledge even during the current economic downturn.

"Leave the economic problems to the parents and the government. As students, they must continue to increase knowledge," he said.

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