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CONCENTRATE ON REVIVING THE ECONOMY, UMNO MEMBERS TOLD

GENTING HIGHLANDS, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- Umno members should concentrate on efforts to revive the economy and not get caught up in politicking that can undermine the party unity, Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

"The real challenge is reviving the economy and this should be our priority," he told reporters after presenting his keynote address at a forum on "Reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina", here.

He was asked to comment on claims of excessive politicking, especially at the grassroot level, of late in anticipation of the Umno supreme council elections.

Abdullah, who is Foreign Minister, said the supreme council elections were still way off and should not cause uncertainty among the members.

"When we face a war (on the economy), we must be united and must have only one captain," he said.

"Anything can happen to our economy in two or three months and it (economic problem) should be our priority," he said, calling on all members to unite under the leadership of party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to overcome the economic downturn.

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