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`Cyberwar' call to defeat the detractors

UMNO members have been urged to declare a "cyberwar" against groups which attempt to undermine the party using the Internet in the wake of the expulsion of former deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Umno Sabah representative Yahya Hussein in his speech when debating the emergency resolutions tabled by Umno Youth said the party needed to go head on against its detractors using equally effective techniques.

He said such measures were needed for Umno to close ranks in order to avert any split among the Malays which could weaken them.

"The survival of the race is paramount as opposed to the interest of individuals.

"Let us not be emotional in our conduct and not allow ourselves to be used by outsiders to destroy the party."

Yahya said the signs were clear that foreigners were plotting and using the minority of Umno members to discredit the party, using symbols such as human rights, globalisation, liberalisation and social justice.

Johor Umno representative Datuk Mohamad Azis said Umno should be relentless in combating the "foreign agents" bent on destroying the party.

In an indirect reference to the reformasi movement, he described them as anti-party elements who were stooges of foreign powers.

Perlis Umno representatives Mastika Junaidah Hussin wanted the Government to identify and take action against the traitors who were out to destroy the country.

Describing the United States as a "monster", she said being the sole superpower, the US would do anything to protect its own interest.

The party's Kelantan representative Wan Rashid Abdullah said the country's leaders should counter the erroneous claims by foreign leaders that the country lacked democracy.

"We have to answer them and prove to the world that what they said is wrong."

Selangor representative Datuk Saidin Thamby said to counter the negative statements from certain foreign leaders, Malaysians should enhance their love for the country by participating in the patriotism movement.

"We need to instill this sense of love for the country to ensure that our nation's dignity remains intact and our development is not affected."

Pahang representative Zainal Hassan said foreign interference only happened when Dr Mahathir effected his bold action in early September.

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