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Experts asked to explain present woes

ECONOMIC experts, including university professors and Bank Negara economists, should help the Government in enlightening the people about the current economic situation, Abdul Kadir Daud of Malacca Umno said.

He said enlisting the services of Umno veterans would not be sufficient and burdening the country's leaders with this responsibility would not be fair to them as they had a host of other matters to attend to.

Debating on the presidential address at the Umno general assembly yesterday, Abdul Kadir, who is Selandar division deputy head, said it was only fair that these experts from the universities, Bank Negara and Institute of Strategic and International Studies come forward to help explain the economic situation.

"This is the time we must use their expertise after having sent them overseas for their education.

"They can help explain the causes of the problems for the benefit of the people," he said.

He said it should also be explained how currency traders could rock the world with their activities.

"We only know of money changers everytime we want to go to Thailand or Medan (Indonesia) but have not fully grasped the extent of the damage," he added.

On poison-pen letters, Abdul Kadir said Umno members should take the matter seriously as they were the ones who were guilty of the "offence."

Referring to the book 50 dalil kenapa Anwar tidak boleh menjadi PM he said, "We should just throw away such books or burn them. But the problem is there are people who are willing to fork out money to make copies for others.

"This is the work of Umno members and not DAP.

"Kit Siang is now struggling to get his son out of his legal problems," he said in reference to the party secretary-general's roadshow to support his son Lim Guan Eng who was committed by the Court of Appeal in April 1 to three years' jail for his remarks on the alleged sex scandal involving former Malacca Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik. He is appealing to the Federal Court against the decision.

Abdul Kadir also asked who was Khalid Jafri, the author, to question Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's capability especially when the president Datuk Seri Dr Mahahir Mohamad had stated that Anwar would succeed him.

The Prime Minister has repeated this again in the newspapers yesterday, he said.

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