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MUSTAPA: I DON'T INTEND TO CONTEST FOR A TOP POST IN UMNO

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 15 (Bernama) -- Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said today he has no plans to contest for a top post in Umno in the party elections next year.

"What's more important to me now is to help Umno win the Sabah election than to jostle for party positions," he said.

He said everybody should work hard to ensure the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN), in which Umno is the dominant party, win the soon-to-be held Sabah election.

"It's important for Umno to be well-prepared to win in the Sabah election and later in the general election," said Mustapa, who is currently a Supreme Council member.

"No point we scramble for seats in Umno but the party loses in the election," he said when asked by reporters whether he intended to go for a top party post.

He said Umno leaders should not be overzealous and pre-occupied with the party polls as more importantly Umno must win the elections.

Besides focusing on Sabah elections, which must be held before March 18 next year, Mustapa said he also gave priority to efforts to revive the economy.

He said he spent a lot of time assisting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also the First Finance Minister, to ensure policies to stimulate economy were being implemented effectively.

Earlier, Mustapa presented the Malaysia CEO of the Year Award to Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim, Kumpulan Guthrie's deputy executive chairman and chief executive and John Madsen, the chief executive of Hap Seng Consolidated Berhad.

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