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Quotes

* I give pocket money to my son when he goes to school. Is this nepotism?
- Party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

* We are able to do this because Umno is strong and because Umno is the backbone of the Government. This is another result of our struggle. - Umno supreme council member Datuk Mustapa Mohamed on the providing of sponsorships to 140,087 students involving RM4.7 billion.

* I don't understand what the fuss is all about. For most of those named in the list, I don't know who they are. - Parit Sulong Umno divisional head Tan Sri Redzuan Salim, who has been in active politics for two decades.

* Our enemies realise that we cannot be destroyed through the use of force ... so they have to resort to creating social unrest by poisoning our minds and attacking our economy. - Supreme council member Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, advising members not to fall prey to lies being spread by external forces.

* The economic problems have almost succeeded in destroying unity in the party. The hardship should have further united us but the opposite happened. - Supreme council member Datuk Ibrahim Ali, in reference to claims that the party and Government practised nepotism and cronyism.

* It was brought to my attention that students from out of the city hitched a ride to the Unit Pusat Universiti on Felda trucks and lorries transporting fish. - Party vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, apologising to those who had to go all the way to the UPU to check on their university applications due to problems with the Infoline system.

* We have always been in the frontline on various issues. Don't just pick on one issue and say that we are wrong. Nevertheless, we are responsible for our action. - Umno Youth deputy chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, whose movement was critical on the practices of nepotism and cronyism, a day after a list of names of those awarded privatised projects was released.

* The message to them is loud and clear - never ever play God in this country. - Terengganu representative Datuk Wan Mohd Farid Wan Salleh on attempts by the foreign media to create disunity in the country.

* I can still smile. - Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who alleged that the Government and party practised nepotism and cronyism, and was subsequently ticked off by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his (Zahid's) public remarks.

* That's why the Government and its leaders cannot have their energy dissipated thinking about anything else but the economic recovery. - Trade and Industry Minister and supreme council member Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz commenting on the 82 Bumiputera companies whose shares were affected by the economic problems.

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