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Statements not intended to interfere, says Umno chief

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KOTA KINABALU, Sun. - State Umno Liaison Committee chief Datuk Osu Sukam said the statements by Umno members on Warisan Harta Sdn Bhd's purchase of North Borneo Timber Berhad shares were not intended to interfere with the Government's decisions.

"It only shows that the party cares about what is happening because we do not want the Opposition to politicise the issue," he said when met by reporters.

He was commenting on State Umno Youth chief Jema Khan's statement asking Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee to explain why Warisan Harta, as a wholly-owned State Government company, had bought three million shares in NBT despite the current economic slowdown.

"Warisan Harta's decision to invest has nothing to do with Umno.

"Jema had raised the matter to determine whether the rumours were true," Osu said.

He said if the business transaction brought losses to the company, then somebody had to be accountable.

Meanwhile, State Gerakan president Dr Chong Eng Leong in a statement appealed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, to look into this issue.

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