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STRENGTHEN TIES TO FACE VARIOUS CHALLENGES- ANWAR

KOTA BAHARU, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim today reminded Umno leaders and members to strengthen their ties and the party machinery to face the many challenges particularly during the present economic situation.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Umno deputy president said that during the present situation in the country, Umno should remain strong as ever "as we still have have some unfinished task."

"If before the party was strong, in the present situation the party should be stronger," he said.

"Hence I am saying in the present circumstances we cannot afford to allow any side issue to haunt us and deviate our attention from the economic problems," he said when having lunch with Kelantan Umno leaders and people here.

Anwar said Umno leaders and members should stand solidly behind Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to ensure that Umno's struggle and its noble aims of championing the rights of the people were fruitful.

"Therefore the noble struggle of the party should be intensified from now on in an orderly way and this required sacrifices," he said.

Anwar urged party members to be vigilant to the threats and plots of its enemies who were resorting to various tactics subtly and otherwise to erode people's confidence in Umno.

"The party should accept the fact that during the present trying situation, we should remain strong to our ideals and our noble aims and be fully united only then we can bring about changes and good for all," he said.

"As a religious people we should remember that ultimately only God's plan prevails," he said.

Kelantan deputy chief Datuk Annuar Musa said the leaders of Umno divisions in the state and the State Barisan Nasional gave full support to the party leadership in handling the country's economic problems.

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