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DON'T BE MERE "VILLAGE CHAMPIONS", MALAYS TOLD

KEMAMAN, May 29 (Bernama) -- Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad has asked Umno members not to be merely "village champions" but to prove their leadership qualities at international level as attained by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said it would be a waste if the path paved by Dr Mahathir at the international level could not be filled by the present Umno leadership.

He said Dr Mahathir had proven to the world that the Malays could also compete on equal terms with the others.

However, it was unfortunate to see so many people scrambling for posts and positions in village and branch levels while the country's leaders had open up avenues to display their leadership talents at international level," he said when opening the two-day Kemaman Umno convention attended by more than 300 members from the division here last night.

Wan Mokhtar also urged Umno members to serve the party sincerely without hoping for rewards in return.

He also cautioned party members to be united to thwart the new form of colonisation by currency manipulation.

Wan Mokhtar also said the Terengganu government has set a target to collect RM6 million a month through several funds to stimulate the economy.

He said RM4 million had been raised since the funds were launched last month.

The state government collects RM2.5 million a month through salary deductions from more than 26,000 government employees in the state.

The deductions are for investments in Tabung Haji, Amanah Saham Darul Iman (ASDI), Amanah Saham Nasional/Bumiputera (ASN/ASNB) by the muslim employees while non-muslims invest in saving schemes of commercial banks.

Wan Mokhtar also said the state government would launch another fund on Sunday for housewives to invest 10 per cent of their monthly household expenses.

The state government was also working on a strategy to rope in the private sector to contribute towards boosting the country's reserves, he added.

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