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Umno-Khalil (Council)

WORK HARD FOR RE-ELECTION- KHALIL

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today the party supreme council members will have to work hard to retain their posts as Umno has no place for passengers.

He said the system being used in the party was one that "forces" leaders to work hard.

"If a minister does not work or does not go down to meet the people then they will not re-elect us."

"If you are not elected to the (supreme) council, (then) normally you will not be appointed a minister...so, every day and night we have to work," he said.

He was explaining Umno procedures and practices and the Malaysian political system in general to foreign observers attending the 53rd Umno General Assembly.

Thirty-eight delegates representing 17 political parties from 15 countries are attending the general assembly, which ends tomorrow.

"In other words, if you want to retain your seat in the council you must really work," he said.

"We just have to work...because we will be assessed (by the people), and in parliament we will be questioned," he said.

He said the system also guaranteed the people their rights.

On the rapid development achieved by the country, Khalil attributed it to the good leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is the Umno president, and a good political system.

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