

# Rais: Youth must understand Umno struggle

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All Umno members, especially the younger ones, should be made to understand the party's original struggle so that they can serve the people better.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim said one way to heed Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call was to deliberate on Article 3 of the party constitution on its foundation and objectives.

"It is time for intellectuals and veterans in Umno to explain the party president's message and guide the younger members towards serving society better.

"This is where Umno veterans who truly understand the party's real struggle can play an important role in getting the message across to re-motivate Youth and Wanita members," he said after visiting the KL Regional Centre for Arbitration here today.

He was commenting on Mahathir's call yesterday

for all Umno leaders and members to return to the party's original struggle without attaching any importance to individuals.

Elaborating further, Rais said Mahathir's views and advice must be understood by both the young and veteran party members.

He said many younger members only smiled when asked why they had joined Umno because they were unable to remember the party's original struggle.

At present, he said, the younger members did not reflect on the party motto: *Bersa tu, Berse tia, Berkhidmat*, to try and understand the original struggle.

"They do not know what the struggle is, what every member is required to do and what Malay agenda means within the party constitution.

"For instance, they don't even know what the party motto means.

"If they can serve the people better, the other two-aspects of the motto will **automatically** fall into place," he said.

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