

Umno to have special awareness course

PETALING JAYA, Fri: Umno members will be required to attend a special awareness course on the party's struggle, history and other matters confronting the party

This is to ensure that members, especially the younger ones, understand and uphold the party's struggle.

The course, which will be conducted by specially trained trainers made up of selected party leaders, is expected to start in March.

About 70 leaders comprising all supreme council members and selected leaders have been trained to conduct the courses which will be held in stages.

According to party sources, members will take turn to attend the series of courses because each one will take in only a small group of people.

"This is to enable the trainers to give personal attention to each participant and to allow a two-way discourse between them," he

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added.

He said the move requiring all members to attend the course is in line with the party's aspiration to see its members more committed towards its original struggle and principle.

He said party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, when opening the special course for the selected trainers early this week, specified several issues that must be emphasised.

They include tackling lingering doubts among Umno members about actions taken by the party against its former deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, PAS, Keadilan and younger members who have lost touch with the party's original struggle.

The president reminded the trainers not to fear telling the truth about Anwar.

"He also reminded them that the Opposition, especially PAS and Keadilan, will try their best to prolong the issue until the next general election," he added.