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Advice to aspiring candidates to avoid money politics

JELEBU, Sun. - Aspiring candidates for coming Umno polls should be free from "money politics" and refrain from carrying out individual campaigns.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Dr Rais Yatim said Umno leaders who indulge in politicking to achieve their ends would only face rejection.

Rais said: "Umno members are now wise and mature to evaluate the type of leaders they want.

"Aspiring leaders should endeavour towards establishing themselves by showing members what they can contribute towards the party struggle."

He said to ensure that this year's Umno General Assembly was free of politicking, the Umno supreme council could come out with a code of ethics for candidates.

He added that this code should also be enforced by the respective State Umno liaison committees.

Rais was speaking to reporters after officiating at a Government loan presentation ceremony organised by Umno Jelebu division with the co-operation of Yayasan Tekun Nasional here today.

He was commenting on newspaper reports today saying that he was ready to contest for one of the three Umno vice-president's posts in the coming Umno general assembly.

"It is no use for Umno leaders to aspire too much for top posts as what's necessary now is for them to help strengthen the party," he said.

"It is in this context that I would like to consider whether to contest for the vice-president's post. If there is enough nominations from the party divisions then I might consider contesting."

Rais said everything depended on the grassroots adding that if they wanted him to consider such a goal, he would not refuse them.

Meanwhile Rais announced that he had proposed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Umno Jelebu division chief Yunus Rahmat to be appointed as his political secretary.

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