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Call for party to return to original struggle

ALOR STAR, Wed. - Umno members in Kedah must return to the struggles that have helped the party endure for the last 54 years, Kedah Umno chief Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain said today.

Speaking at the start of the Kedah Umno Convention here, Syed Razak said members needed to work hard to find common ground, rekindle the spirit of Umno's original struggle for the people and make adjustments where necessary.

"I am talking about going back to the bases of Umno which is unity, honesty, responsibility, discipline, being grateful, smart but not conceited, rich but generous and practising what is preached.

"Without these, we (Umno) may never recover the seats lost to the opposition.

"If this culture can be revived, there will be no reason for disunity or the loss of support for Umno among government servants, the religious, the media, academics and the young."

Syed Razak said this in his keynote address to the 700 State Umno members at the convention which will be officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.

Syed Razak also urged State Umno members to use the convention as an opportunity for a post-mortem on the results of the 10th general election.

He added that the results were "disturbing".

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