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Counter negative issues, Umno members told

KUANTAN, Sun. - Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob today called on party members to complement Government efforts in tackling religious-related and national security issues.

He said Umno members should not wait for the Government to initiate the move as such efforts should be made at all levels.

"Party members should be brave and aggressive in countering issues pertaining to national security, Islam and opposition propaganda.

"The recent happenings can jeopardise national security, so all party members should keep abreast with developments and initiate something to tackle the issues," he said.

Khalil was speaking before the Paya Besar Umno convention which was opened by Umno supreme council member Datuk Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin at the Dewan Jubli Perak Sultan Ahmad Shah.

The one-day convention discussed Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's opening speech at the Umno general assembly in May.

In a related development, Khalil reminded all Umno members that the recent arms heist by Al-Ma'unah members in Grik and the Sauk incident could happen anywhere in the country.

"I am concerned over this matter, especially after I got a report stating that the Al-Ma'unah movement had turned an area in Penor, a state constituency held by Pas, and another area in Cherating, into its training base."

Khalil said most of the Al-Ma'unah members involved in the Grik incident had undergone training in Penor.

"I believe the presence of its base in the State will cause them to be more militant," he said.

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