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Don't seek favours, Dr M warns delegates

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today reminded delegates to the general assembly in May not to seek favours from candidates in return for votes.

He said this after vice-president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi read out the contents of the Code of Ethics for the party elections after its supreme council meeting.

The Code of Ethics prohibits candidates from engaging in the following:

- * Buying votes or nominations;
- * Giving gifts to delegates;
- * Organising or sponsoring delegates' travelling expenses, accommodation and meals during the general assembly or organise trips for them;
- * Giving donations or assistance to delegates from divisions or branches as their dates of meetings have been set by the supreme council;
- * Organising any gathering, meeting and feast involving delegates; and
- * Misuse their Government or private sector positions with the aim of securing votes or support.

Delegates, on the other hand, are not allowed to accept or request from aspirants any form of donations, resources or sponsorships for their branches or divisions which relate to their presence at the general assembly.

Divisions and branches, meanwhile, cannot organise any meeting between the delegates and candidates.

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