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`Settle party differences internally for good of all'

PETALING JAYA, Tues. - Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said the leaders of Barisan Nasional component parties should solve all party differences internally and not drag the coalition in.

"They should settle the problems through discussions to ensure the decision reached is for the benefit of all parties.

"The component parties should also not threaten the coalition in order to get something they want" he said at a Press conference in his house today.

Muhammad, who is also the former Selangor Menteri Besar, said when MCA had internal problems and did rather badly in the 1995 general election, there was no change in its quota of seats in the Cabinet and state excos.

"Thus when they did well in the last general election they should not claim for more seats. Instead, the leaders should tell the members the real situation and why they cannot demand another seat in the Cabinet."

Muhammad said the good support received by MCA in the last general election was because the Chinese community had full confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"It is also because MCA was then not facing any internal problems unlike Umno which was faced with problems.

"What is important is for all BN component parties to work hard to ensure a BN victory in the Teluk Kemang by-election."

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