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Kedah sets guidelines for delegates to general assembly

ALOR STAR, Wed. - Kedah Umno is taking measures to ensure its delegates to the party's general assembly in Kuala Lumpur next month will not be exposed to money politics.

Its chief Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain said there would be some form of control on their movement to reduce the chances of their getting involved in such an activity.

"Besides advising them to be wary of agents or representatives of candidates of top party posts, we will ensure they stay in their rooms after the assembly, except to attend to important matters.

"We will provide them dinners and other meals if there is a need. There will be some guidelines for them," the Menteri Besar told reporters before meeting State Umno Youth members at the Umno building last night.

Syed Razak said no party leaders contesting top party posts had come to him to garner support from Kedah delegates but he was uncertain whether their agents had approached the delegates.

"As far as I am concerned, no one came to see me to campaign, there were however, leaders who paid courtesy calls on me," he said when asked about the meetings between him and some candidates.

Two vice-president candidates, incumbent Datuk Seri Najib Razak, Datuk Syed Hamid Albar, and incumbent Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman were among those who had met Syed Razak when they were in Kedah to attend official functions.

On the State Umno convention which was postponed following the party leadership's decision to postpone all State-level Umno conventions after until the general assembly, Syed Razak said no new date had been fixed.

The convention, scheduled for two days beginning tomorrow at Universiti Utara Malaysia in Sintok, was supposed to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is Umno president and Kubang Pasu division chief.

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