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NO CONTEST, LESS POLITICKING, SAYS ADNAN

KUANTAN, Jan 4 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Pahang Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob today welcomed the Umno Supreme Council (MT)'s decision, saying that there would be less politicking in the party with no contest for the top two posts.

He said the stand did not mean that there was no democracy in Umno.

"What's the point of democracy when contest will lead to disunity. It's better for party members to foster the spirit of friendship and compromise to safeguard stability.

"It's a wise decision because it will show society that Umno is serious in strengthening the party and in regaining the confidence of the majority of the Malays towards Umno," he said after meeting staff of the Kuantan Municipal Council (MPK) here.

The MT at its meeting last night decided to renominate party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and nominate Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as the sole candidate for the deputy president's post.

Adnan, who was appointed state Umno liaison chief by the MT, said this would leave party members free to divert their attention to more important matters rather than worrying about who would challenge who.

Adnan who took over as state liaison chief from former Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said Umno members need to be exposed to the original struggle of the party through courses which would also touch on strategies in facing opposition parties.

"I believe this could be carried out with the cooperation of our friends in divisions throughout the state," he said.

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