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NO UMNO MEMBERS INVOLVED IN AL-MA'UNAH, SAYS KHALIL

KUALA LUMPUR, July 20 (Bernama) -- The Umno members are not involved in the Al-Ma'unah deviationist group, said Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob today.

He said there was no report so far of involvement of Umno members in the cult from any Umno branches.

"Nevertheless, I believe no Umno members are involved, with other silat groups...yes," he told reporters after officiating an entertainment portal company, MCities.Com Sdn Bhd here.

He said Umno members would not want to join organisations that were anti-government, being members of a party serving as the backbone to the government.

On the special telecast of interview with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last night regarding deviationist groups, Khalil who is also Information Minister said the feedback received from the public to the programme was very encouraging.

He said it showed that the people were interested to know the truth about the Al-Ma'unah group.

"Naturally the people want to know what the intention of the group was. It affects us all because without security assurance we can't live in peace," he said.

In his speech, Khalil said MCities.Com had succeeded in integrating the world of entertainment into the Internet.

He said such efforts should be continued in a move to promote the k-economy.

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